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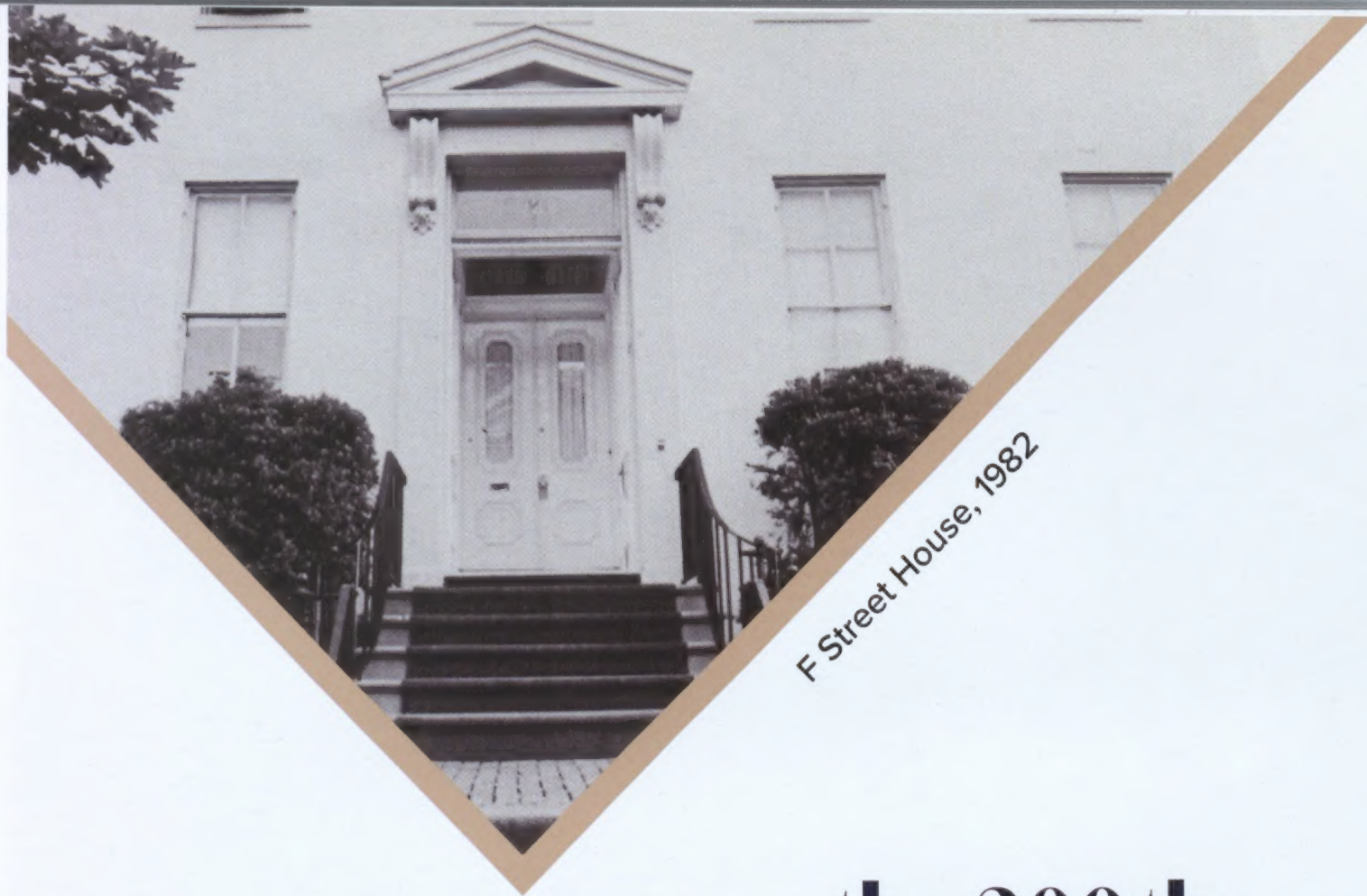


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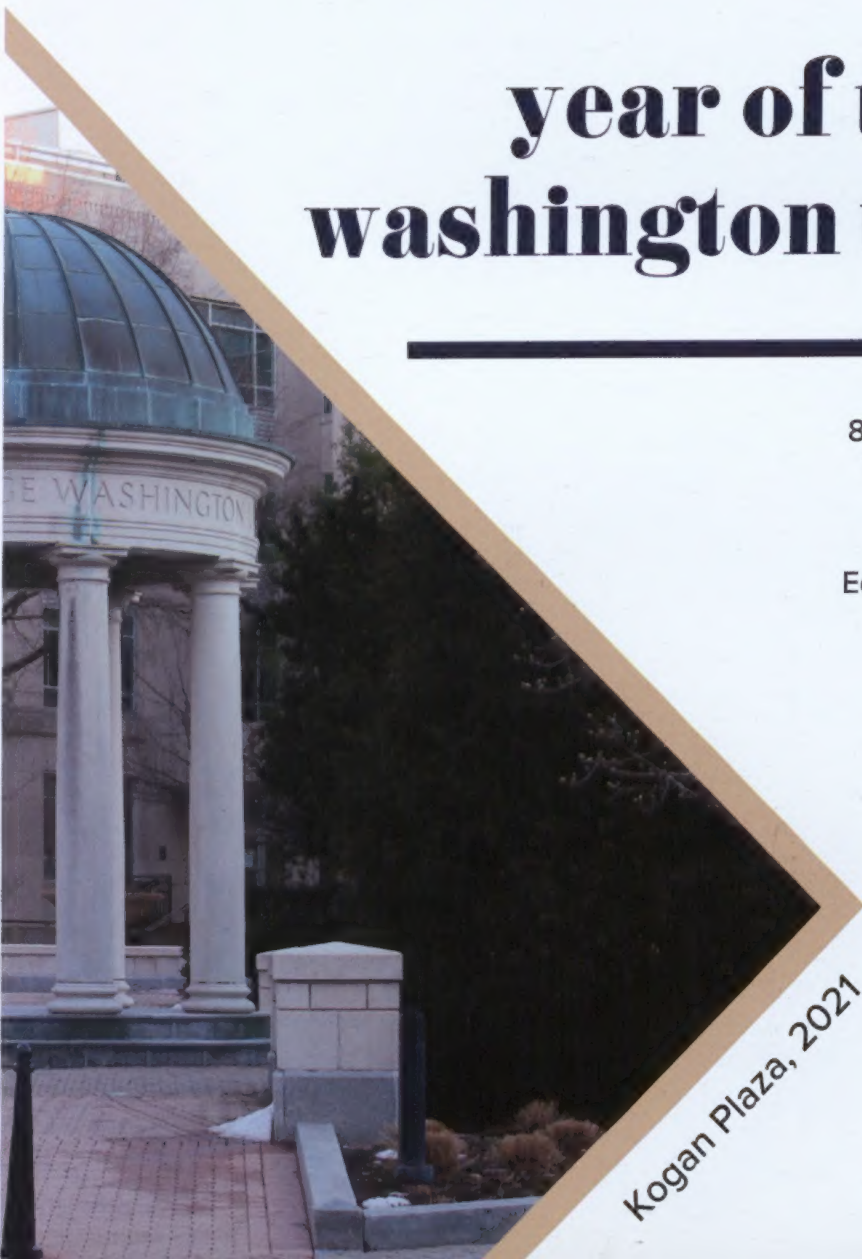
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the 200th year of the george washington university



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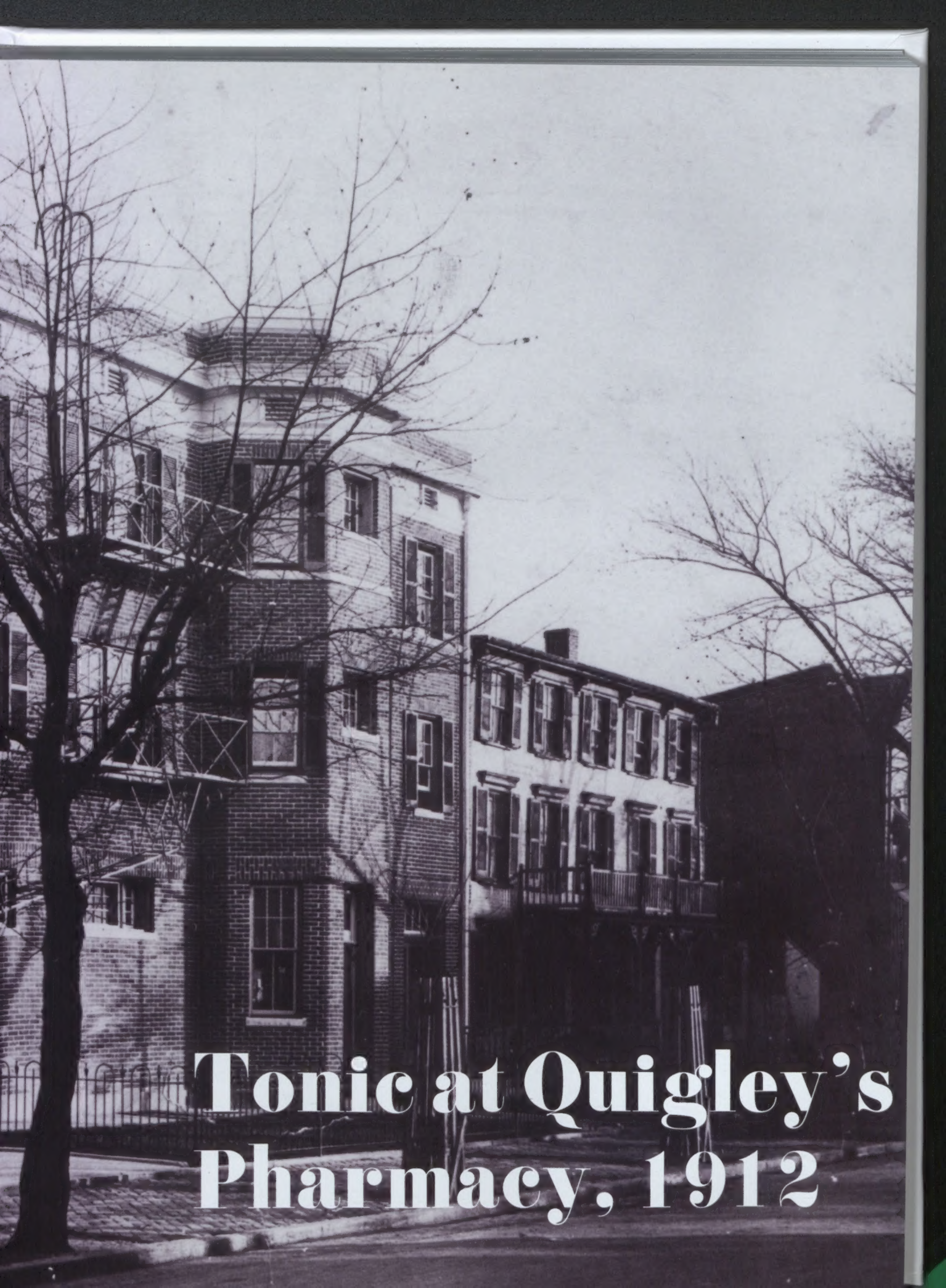
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F Street House, 1912





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Students in Class, 1950









Corcoran Hall, 2009





Fungier Hall, 2013

letter from the EDITORS

Dear GW Students,

The book you are holding is the 113th edition of The George Washington University Cherry Tree Yearbook.

It showcases the unique experiences and events that make attending The George Washington University truly extraordinary. The pictures and stories capture just a few of the many moments that current and past students have enjoyed during their time at GW. This year, GW celebrates its 200th Anniversary since the signing of the charter in 1821. This edition of the Cherry Tree Yearbook highlights moments in the university's history and the Bicentennial Celebration.

From internships around D.C. and on the Hill, midnight monument walks, cherry blossom season, speaker events with ambassadors, hundreds of student organizations, and all-nighters in Gelman, GW brings an unforgettable experience to its students. While this year didn't look quite like this, all of these memories go beyond the classroom, student orgs, and the years spent here at GW. We hope you enjoy flipping through the pages of this book and reminiscing on your favorite #OnlyatGW moments.

Thank you to our incredible staff who worked tirelessly to create a book that encompasses the diverse student experience and history of GW. Through your attention to detail, captivating designs, and thoughtfully written stories, you all contributed to this amazing final product. Without the dedication and talents of each and every one of you, this book would not have been possible and would not represent the extensive GW experience of this year and the past 200 years. Despite creating this book entirely virtually and from all over the country, you all came together and created something to be proud of.

Congratulations to the Class of 2021! While we know this was not how you pictured your last year and a half at GW, it has highlighted the strength and resilience of the GW community. It gave us the opportunity to unite as a community, grow as people, develop as leaders, and succeed as students. We have reimaged how we can make #OnlyatGW moments and reflect on GW's history from all over the world. Your creativity and persistence shined above all else in the last year. As we all go in our separate directions, utilizing the skills and knowledge learned will take you far in your careers, and the unique memories we have experienced will always be something that you and your fellow classmates share. As you look through the pages of this book, you will see students, alumni, and professors recalling their favorite memories at GW as well as the aspects that make GW unique. Whether you made lifelong friends, developed a passion through your leadership in student organization, or worked with highly motivated and dedicated students, GW is a school unlike any other. The Class of 2021 has displayed an immense amount of perseverance, innovation, and initiative. You have already begun changing this world and will continue to impact the world after graduation.

With the earnest desire that its pages will bring together more closely the various departments of the University, and keep fresh in our memories this year of increased student activities and college spirit, this 2021 Cherry Tree has been published.

Raise High,
Lily Hatzenbeler and Ann Anderson

Ann Anderson



Lily Hatzenbeler





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BICENTENNIAL celebration

On February 9, 1821, the US Congress established our university's charter and this year, 2021, marks the 200th Anniversary of The George Washington University. To celebrate, GW will be holding Bicentennial Celebration events from February 9 to October 3, 2021. The kickoff celebration featured prominent alumni such as Kerry Washington, musical performances, insights from university leaders, GW fun facts, and messages from current students, alumni, and faculty. The online celebration gave tribute to the many



successful alumni and the difference that GW has made in the world - from doctors who aided Lincoln and Reagan to scientists who worked on the Mars missions.

Outstanding alumni have taken the virtual stage to speak on various topics including MasterClass, Black History at GW, and Christopher Jackson's role in *Hamilton*. In addition, there are multiple series to celebrate GW's vast history and network of alumni. People can join local authors, researchers, and community members online for discussions about D.C.'s history, politics, culture, etc. during D.C. Mondays. Five

Questions with GW Alumni asks notable alumni to share their personal perspectives on a range of topics from current events to their memories during their time at GW. The university also hosts game/trivia nights, sessions on GW history, and talks about how GW has impacted the world in different industries during the recurring event, Celebrating 200 Years.



THEN & NOW



GW, originally known as the Columbian College, began in 1821, with just 26 students and faculty. The first building was simply called the Columbian College Building.

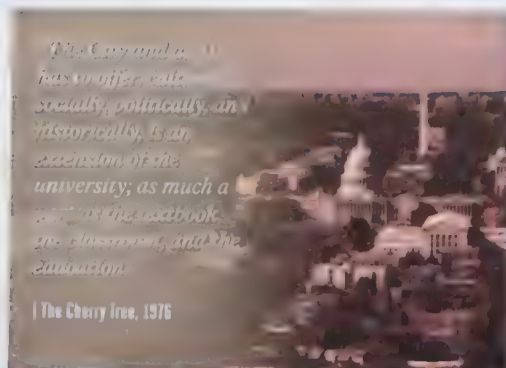


After 200 years, GW has grown to over 27,000 students and 6,000 faculty. The university has expanded to many buildings around Foggy Bottom.

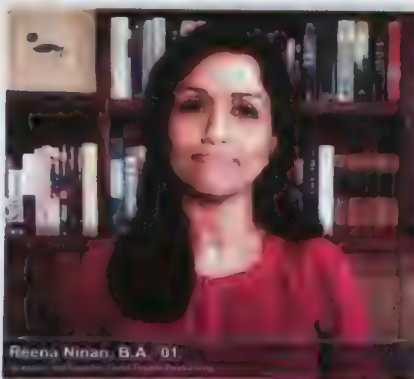


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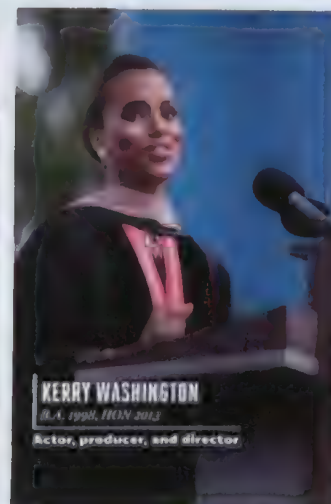
As a way to celebrate and commemorate the 200th Year of GW, the university created virtual backgrounds for anyone to download to show off their GW spirit during Zoom or WebEx meetings! In addition to this, GW had downloadable gifs and stickers for Instagram and Snapchat to share in the celebration.



| The Cherry Tree, 1976



Reena Niran, B.A. '01



KERRY WASHINGTON
(B.A. 1990, THEN 2013)
Actor, producer, and director

Fast Facts

1892

A School of Graduate studies was established in 1892, offering 30 different fields of graduate study toward secondary degrees.

1912

In 1912, the Departments of Arts and Sciences moved to 2023 G St, making Foggy Bottom the home to GW's main campus.

1992

In 1992, Domino's Pizza said that it delivered more pizzas to students in Thurston Hall than to any other dorm in the nation.

2012

Construction for Gelman Library began in May 2012 and took about a year. It officially opened on August 12, 2013.



Thurston Hall



Thurston Hall was initially known as Park Central Apartments which was built in 1929. The dorm opened as a women's only dorm in 1964 and

was named after Mabel Nelson Thurston, GW's first female undergraduate student. This iconic first year dorm became co-ed in 1972. It has been home to tens of thousands students for more than half a century. Through the years students have made countless memories and a home in the dorm. Currently under construction, Thurston Hall will be reopened in the Fall of 2022.



EVOLUTION of campus

In the last two centuries, Washington, D.C. has changed dramatically. GW's campus has evolved from being in a town to being at the heart of a bustling city. Buildings and monuments that are now iconic to DC, like the Kennedy Center, Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial, the Smithsonian Museums, and more, were constructed while GW students studied to earn their degrees.

When GW first opened in 1821, the Columbian College was located at what is now Florida Avenue between 14th and 15th Streets, and initially had a Theological Department and a Classical Department with subjects from history to philosophy to anatomy to mathematics. Over time, GW grew - the student population, the areas of study, the degrees offered - and by the 1930's, the school established itself in our current home, Foggy Bottom. Alumni have seen the continued growth of GW with new additions such as the Foggy Bottom metro stop which opened in 1977, making the university an even more attractive school due to the ease of access.

In 1999, Mount Vernon College officially became a part of GW as The George Washington University at Mount Vernon College. It offered special living, learning, and leadership programs for women and continues to be the home to those in the Women's Leadership Program. The Vern is now an integral part of many students' GW experience and has facilities for many of our athletes.



ALUMNI

spotlights



PAMELA CONRAD

What was your degree and when did you graduate?

I graduated in 1974 with my BA in Music, in 1987 with my Master in Music, in 1995 with my Master in Geology, and in 1998 with my Ph.D in Geology.

Why did you choose your degree?

I loved music and enjoyed being in dramas and plays. I made the significant career switch from music to geology one day when I cut through Bell Hall. I saw this giant display of rocks and minerals and later that same day, I decided to apply for grad school in geology.

What activities were you involved in while at GW?

I grew up around DC and took art lessons in Corcoran growing up. But while at GW, I took advantage of everything the city had to offer. I got free Kennedy Center tickets, worked at the Marvin Center, threw snowballs on the White House lawn, and had an internship at a Smithsonian museum.

What is an "Only at GW" moment that you had?

I had my first voice lesson on the day that Nixon was inaugurated and on the night of my senior recital, Nixon resigned. We had a full house of people so, during intermission, we aired Nixon's resignation. Another amazing moment is that I was born in GW Hospital. Years later when I was a television producer for GW, I went to tape a surgery and the obstetrician I was about to tape was the one who delivered me!

What did you do post graduation?

I've done a lot of things after completing my undergraduate degree and coming back for more degrees. I found a job in a medical school after undergrad and published scientific papers. I got married and went to NY to sing for a little bit. I also worked as a television engineer and producer for 10 years before getting a degree in science. I got a Masters in Geology in 1995 and then a Ph.D in Geology in 1998. After finishing this degree, I went to CMU as a predoctoral fellow and became a scientist. I got a job at the Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena, CA to be an astrobiologist. This led me to becoming involved in the Mars investigation and being the Deputy Principal Investigator. The Principal Investigator later invited me to then be a civil servant worker for NASA. I'm also ordained as an Episcopal priest.

DON KOENIG

What was your degree and when did you graduate?

I graduated in 1980 with a degree in International Affairs. I came back to GW for Law School and graduated in 1984.

What activities were you involved in while at GW?

I was a busboy in Georgetown, worked in the White House during Carter's presidency, and was an intern for a senator. I did take a semester off between my junior and senior year and spent it at sea. I traveled to so many different places and that helped prepare me for whatever opportunities were to come.

What was your favorite memory from GW?

My favorite memory was going to the mass on the National Mall with Pope John Paul II. It was truly amazing to witness.

What was an "Only at GW" moment that you had?

I was about a block away, looking over the crowd, during the Camp David Peace Accord signing.

What did you do post graduation?

I started studying for the bar exam, took it, got married, and I joined the Navy JAG Corps for 13 years and got to travel all over the world.

How did your involvement at GW help you to grow and set you up for the success that you have had?

GW gave me a lot of flexibility when completing my degree. I took off the spring semester of junior year to do a semester at sea. This gave me an amazing awakening and exposure to many different cultures. I stopped in LA, Hawaii, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Cairo, Greece, Spain, Morocco, and India. This set me up for success because having a strong sense of gratitude for everything we have as US citizens and the ability to pursue education was something that I took with me in the Navy.



STEVE KAMP

What was your degree and when did you graduate?

I graduated in 1967 with a Bachelor of Business Administration.

What activities were you involved in while at GW?

I joined the fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon during my time at GW. I worked part time in the library which was in Lisner Hall at the time. I was also an RA and dorm director for a dorm where the IMF is now.

What was your favorite memory from GW?

I loved being in DC and the friends and professors I met there. I used to go to Dumbarton Oaks often and I enjoyed getting to explore random places around the city. I also remember going down to the reflecting pool and wading around at 2 am, something that definitely couldn't happen nowadays. Another cool experience is that I met Ted Kennedy and Bobby Kennedy getting food at a buffet table.

What did you do post graduation?

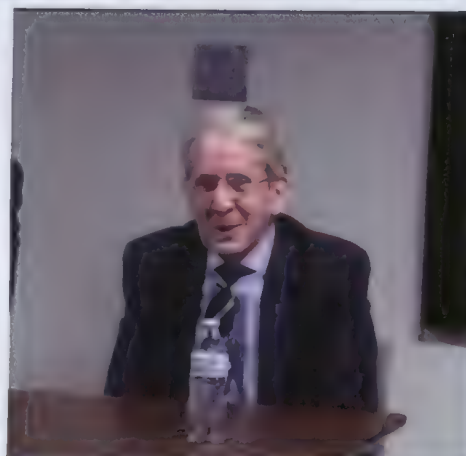
I had worked in the army before I started at GW but after college, I went to work at a Wall Street firm in Boston for six to seven years before moving to NY and working on Wall Street for another 20 years.

How did your involvement at GW help you to grow and set you up for the success that you have had?

I ended up in the army because I had originally gone to another college to study engineering and had to drop out because of my grades. GW gave me a second chance. It helped build my confidence up after my last experience and taught me how to learn effectively.

What has your involvement been like as an alumnus?

I have done some speaker events but mainly, I am involved in the School of Business, School of Nursing, and the Autism Institute.



BLACK HISTORY at gw

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY PRESENTS
BLACK HERITAGE CELEBRATION 2021

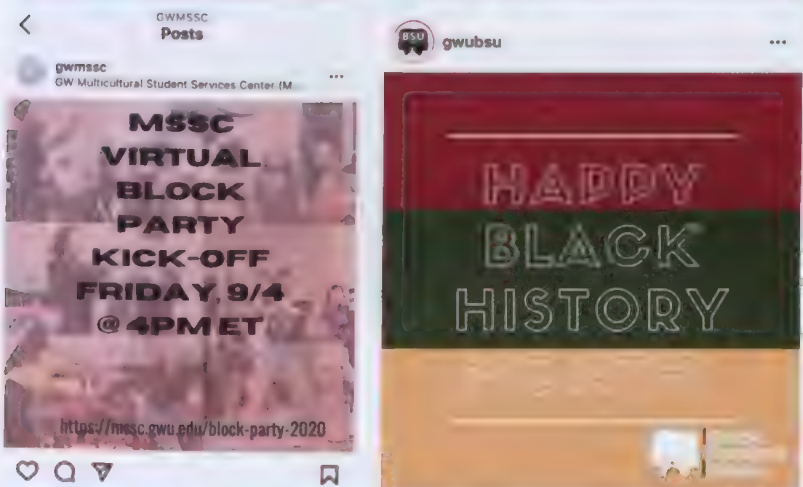


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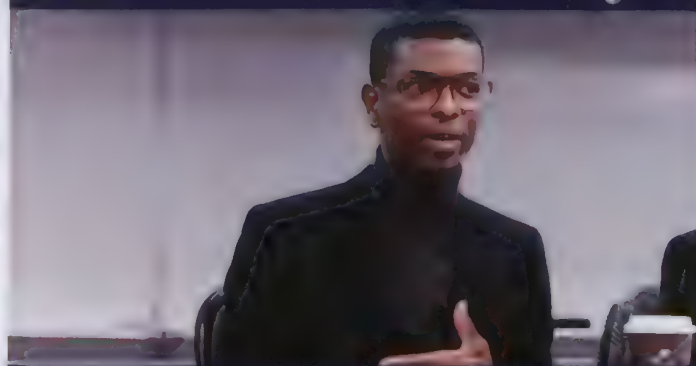
The Black community at GW consists of a diverse group of students, faculty, and staff who advocate for cultural awareness. They faced much discrimination and adversity in their early history at GW - not being allowed in a GW building until 1947 when the Board of Trustees voted to allow Black people entrance into Lisner Auditorium for commercial performances, and not being permitted to play on athletics teams. Students at the university have since established the Black People's Union, began the Mu Beta chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and started the Black Heritage Celebration. The BHC occurs each year in the month of February to honor the history and culture of the Black community. GW is now focused on their Diversity Equity and Inclusion initiative to create a more inclusive environment for students.

Current enrollment of Black students is only 6.5% of undergraduates and 10% of graduates. There are 22 student organizations dedicated to promoting the values and traditions of African-American, Caribbean, African, and Afro-Latino cultures according to the Multicultural Student Services Center.





Devon Bradley



When asked about the progression of the student experience, Devon Bradley, BSU President, noted that the University has become more understanding of the holistic student experience and that "the COVID-19 pandemic showcased the importance of viewing students individually and not collectively. The needs of one will not necessarily be the needs of others. I believe our administration now understands how to prioritize those in need while remaining a resource for those who are not." Devon also advocates that Black history should be officially documented within the archives at GW since Black history is GW history.

FLASHBACK



In 2006, national Black History Month was transformed into the Black History Celebration at GW. This encouraged the exploration of the values and traditions of African-American, Caribbean, African, and Afro-Latino cultures. The BHC includes cultural shows, performers, guest speakers, and educational events.

ALUMNI

spotlights

DR. MARK WOODLAND, M.D.

What was your degree and when did you graduate?

I got my degree from the School of Medicine in 1985.

What activities were you involved in while at GW?

During my time in medical school, I worked as the AV person for class and got to meet professors by working behind the scenes.

Who are some outstanding professors that heavily influenced you?

C. Everett Koop was a mentor to me. While he wasn't exactly a professor, he was the Surgeon General under President Reagan and really encouraged me, especially when it comes to giving back.

What was your favorite memory from GW?

I loved how connected my medical class was - we're still in contact with each other now. The location was also extraordinary, since Reagan was brought to the GW Hospital after his shooting. It was really interesting to deal with the issue of a high profile politician.

What has your involvement been like as an alumnus?

Physician well-being is a really huge topic right now because of how many physicians take their own life each year. So five years ago, my class and I decided to create an endowment fund for GW called Alumni Legacy Fund to promote awareness for physician well-being and to support students and alumni on this topic.



CAREN RUBIN

What was your degree and when did you graduate?

I graduated in 1986 with a Bachelor in International Affairs, concentrating in Communications.

Why did you want to attend GW?

I had originally been at USC so I transferred to GW. I really wanted to work on the Hill so being in the heart of DC was a perfect fit for me.

What activities were you involved in while at GW?

I got an internship on Capitol Hill in the press office for a California senator. I also worked at Intel managing a \$100 million budget, played Club Volleyball for Hillel, and was a tour guide.

What was your favorite memory from GW?

My favorite memories from my time at GW were cooking Chinese dinners and playing music with my friends. Also, I was the first to graduate college in my family, so it was really special that I graduated on Mother's Day and had family fly in from Los Angeles.

What did you do post graduation?

I came back to California and co-wrote a book called *A College Graduate's Survival Guide*, which was published in 1987. Then I got a job in public relations and worked there for 1.5 years before working as a field rep for the California Senator I interned with at GW. He had decided to be a governor of CA instead, so I worked with him for five years.



FELICE CICCIONE

What was your degree and when did you graduate?

I studied Anthropology, minored in Sociology, and graduated in 1982.

Why did you want to attend GW?

The museums are all right there, in the heart of DC, and I wanted to be in proximity to the museums. It was also more town-like at that point, so I liked that atmosphere.

Who are some outstanding professors that heavily influenced you?

Colin Turnbull, a famous anthropologist, was one of my most memorable professors. I remember that he had a very no nonsense attitude but would also accept a paper written on a scroll.

What was your favorite memory from GW?

I just loved being in Washington, D.C. It was amazing and I could experience and be a part of the events, rather than watch them on TV. Something really memorable was during my freshman year. There were assaults going on in the area, so the guys on my floor offered to escort the women when they went places late at night. They would give out their number to call if a girl didn't want to walk home alone and it made it feel like a community. The chorus also gave me a sense of community at GW. It was also such an incredible experience to hear everyone cheering and singing the national anthem in the Thurston courtyard after we won gold in hockey during the 1980 Olympics.

What is an "Only at GW" moment that you had?

I took a class during my freshman year about DC and had to interview someone who lived in DC for an assignment. So I decided to call up the White House and asked to speak to the president. I got all the way to the appointment secretary. Another memory was when Reagan got shot: I wanted the GW Choir to go sing to him in the hospital. Everyone was on board - GW's administration, the GW Hospital, the doctors, etc. We didn't get to do it, but the idea came close!

How did your involvement at GW help you to grow and set you up for the success that you have had?

In general, GW really gave me independence - to create your own friend group, jumpstart your career, really anything. Being near the Smithsonian's helped point me in the direction for my future career too.



JOHN COVELLO

What was your degree and when did you graduate?

I got a BA in Political Science in 1983.

Why did you want to attend GW?

I had originally applied in 1978 and was waitlisted. I knew I wanted to be there though so I applied to transfer after two years at UMD. I loved the idea of being in DC and having the city of Washington as my personal classroom. It was a really remarkable time to be in DC too because of how much change was occurring. The metro had opened a few years prior which made GW a more attractive location.

What activities were you involved in while at GW?

After my first year at GW, I took a year off to work on Capitol Hill. I was there when Reagan got shot and that was an event that helped put the school on the national map since he went to the GW Hospital. Overall, I just really enjoyed being a Hilltern as it really allowed me to embrace the whole city as my classroom, even when I wasn't taking classes.

What is an "Only at GW" moment that you had?

Like I said, it was really cool to be there during a time when there was so much dramatic change. It was also a very charged time because of everything that was happening. I was there for the protest over the Iran hostage situation. I did love that I could go to the Library of Congress and casually get resources for papers there; that was very much an "Only at GW" moment.





DISTINGUISHED speakers

Every year, alumni, business people, and notable leaders come to speak at The George Washington University. These speakers appear throughout the year at University events, like the School of Business' George Talks Business (GTB), and at Commencement in May. In recent years, GTB has hosted amazing leaders like Christine Lagarde - current President of the European Central Bank and former Chair and Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, Kristalina Georgieva - CEO of the World Bank, and Tom Corese - COO and Head of Product Development at Peloton. Other acclaimed people, such as Hasan Minhaj, have been welcomed by the Program Board for student events. GW has also been lucky enough to welcome politicians over the many years. President Emmanuel Macron of France visited and hosted a town hall in 2018 for students.



The commencement speakers in the last few years include Savannah Guthrie (NBC News' TODAY Co-Author), Olympic Bobsled Medalist Elana Meyers Taylor, Dr. Marcia McNutt (President of the National Academy of Science), Senators Tammy Duckworth and Cory Booker, Apple CEO Tim Cook, Dr. Anthony Fauci, José Andrés, and Kerry Washington. These alumni and leaders have carried on the GW legacy and impacted the world in many ways, inspiring graduates to "find their North Star" and accomplish their goals.



THEN & NOW



Kerry Washington, B.A. '98, Hon '13, spoke at Commencement in 2013. She is an Emmy-Winning Actress, Director, Producer, and Activist.



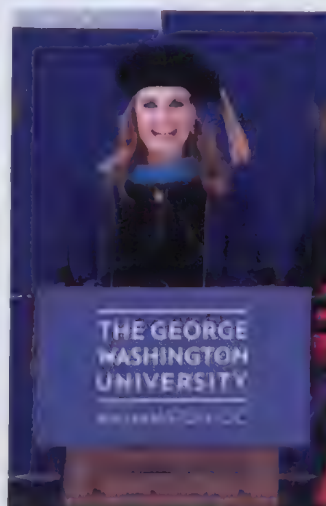
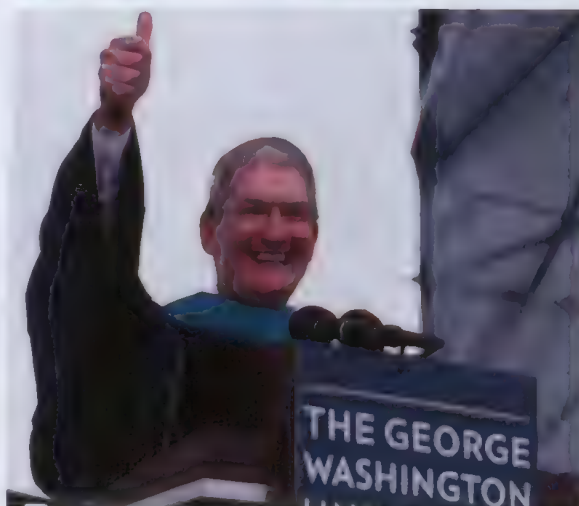
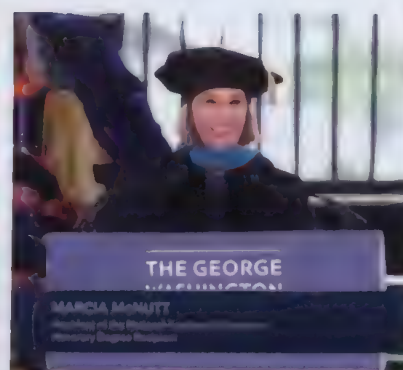
Lonnie G. Bunch III is the Secretary of the Smithsonian, overseeing 19 museums, 21 libraries, the National Zoo, and many research and education centers.



Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the National Institutes of Health, received an honorary degree of Doctor of Public Service.

Dr. Anthony Fauci

Dr. Fauci has previously lectured at GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences and is the director of the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and the Chief Medical Advisor to the President. He spoke at the 2015 University Commencement where he received an honorary degree of Doctor of Public Service. In 2008, Dr. Fauci received the 2008 Presidential Medal of Freedom.



FEATURES

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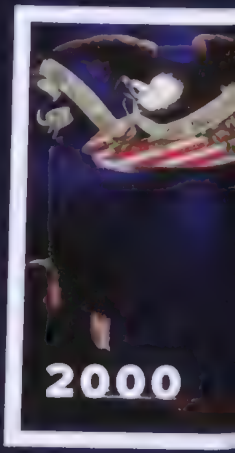
MICHELLE WOLF
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Every year, organizations like GW Program Board host events for students such as a comedy show by Michelle Wolf and Michael Che.

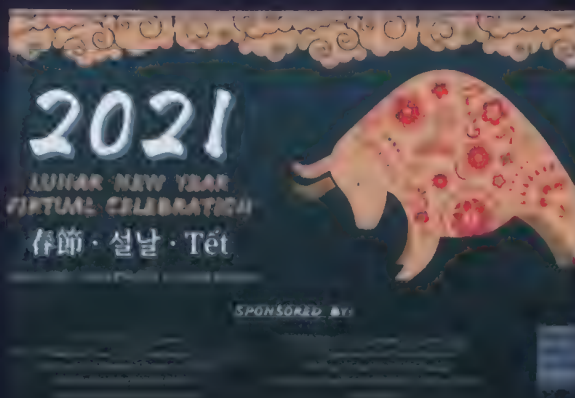


Alumni Spotlight LAURA GOMEZ

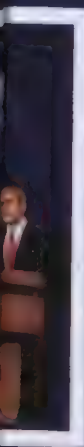
Laura Gomes, BA in International Affairs and Economics '18, noted that some of her favorite memories at GW were the speakers who came to D.C. Her #OnlyAtGW moment was when the Pope came to GW and said mass. She won a ticket to attend and it was really special to her. She has also gotten the chance to have a front row seat during President Macron's town hall with the Dean of Elliott.



NOW



Even in a virtual environment, GW hosts many speakers and events for the community. This event was to celebrate the Lunar New Year.



2013



2016



2019



Alumni Spotlight HUANRAN SUN

Huanran Sun graduated from GWSB in 2017 with a Bachelor of Business Administration with Concentrations in International Business and Management Information Systems Technology. After graduation, he joined Deloitte in their Technology Consulting practice. While at GW, he really enjoyed the speaker events that he could go to. He went to see Coca Cola's Vice President, Derk Hendriksen, speak on his experience and passion for Corporate Social Responsibility.

DIANE CLINE

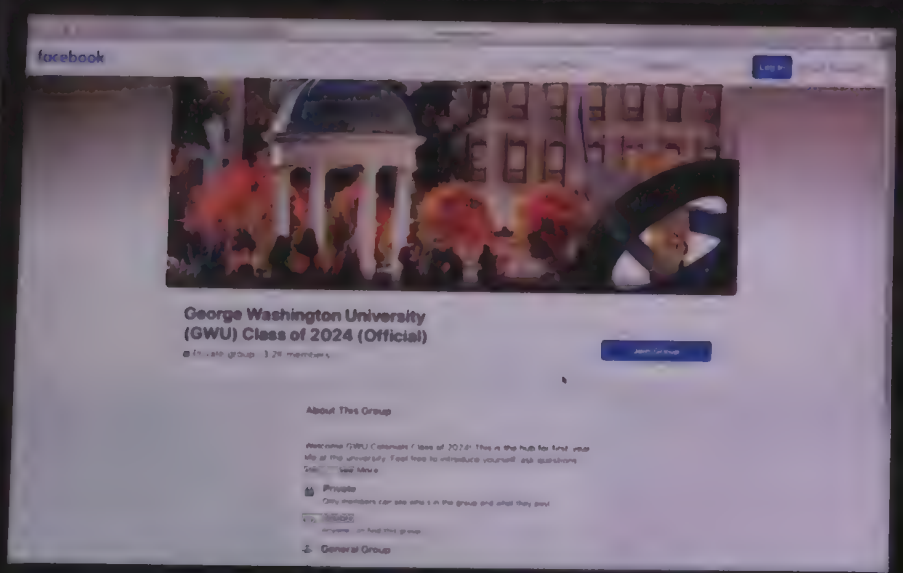
professor spotlight



Professor Diane Cline, Ph.D is an Associate Professor of History and Classical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies and the Program Coordinator for Classical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies. Having been a teacher for 30 years, she considers herself to be an ambassador for Ancient Greece, bringing the ancient civilizations to her students and also actually bringing her students to Ancient Greece. Her love for Classical Studies stems from her father being an architect. He took her to Europe to study the buildings in 1976 and when she was able to walk among the temples in Greece, she fell in love with them. After that, Professor Cline started to explore the subjects more and declared her major in Classical Studies when she attended college, where she studied abroad in Athens. She said "going into classics is enjoying Beauty (with a capital B)" and believes that studying Classical societies is studying creativity. She shares her passion with her students in classes such as Digital History, Mythology of the Classical World, Greek and Roman Drama, History of Greece, and more.

Professor Cline's previous experience includes working for the University of Cincinnati, California State Fresno, and the University of Crete in Greece. She also gives tours for the Smithsonian museums and National Geographic and has been on 13 different cruises to give tours and presentations. Previously earning two Fulbright awards for her research in Greece and Athens, she goes beyond just the ancient civilizations; she is also a pioneer for research in Digital Social Networks. This focuses on the connections between different philosophers, leaders, artists, characters, etc. in ancient Greek society. Professor Cline uses social network analysis to study these connections. She has made multiple different networks with her classes, one being for Socrates, and currently, she is working on one to connect different painters and potters in Ancient Greece.

At GW, Professor Cline enjoys having freedom with her studies and can focus more on Ancient Greek and Roman Societies. She teaches her students with enthusiasm and that comes through for a lot of students. During the lockdown on her Zoom calls, every class has a different background to keep the students engaged and participating. This dedication and desire to engage students has earned her the Columbian Prize for teaching and mentoring students and the Morton A. Bender award for Excellence in Teaching.



VIRTUAL orientation

Everything looks different this year, but for some students, the changes are more jarring than for others. The Class of 2024 participated in a virtual orientation session spanning all of August 2020. The daily sessions were a variety of required content, social “gatherings”, and optional events for GW’s newest students to get to know GW, DC, and the rest of their graduating class. Normally a 2-day event, the virtual format allowed students to attend recorded events on their own time, which was helpful for students not in the Eastern time zone. Students were also able to connect with their peers nearby. Each week, small groups led by orientation leaders met to discuss that week’s required module. Groups were put together



based on their hometowns, so the members could interact starting from a common ground. Orientation leaders spoke about GW life, having an internship in DC, finalizing schedules, living on the Vern, having roommates, and more. The sessions prepared students to eventually be on campus by giving them access to GW resources, explaining the dining plan, and allowing them to connect with older students about their GW experiences. There were also virtual activities like virtual scavenger hunts, Kahoot!, pictionary, and other games.

THEN & NOW



Previous years' orientations have looked very different, with students gathering on campus for the first time during Colonial Inauguration over the summer.

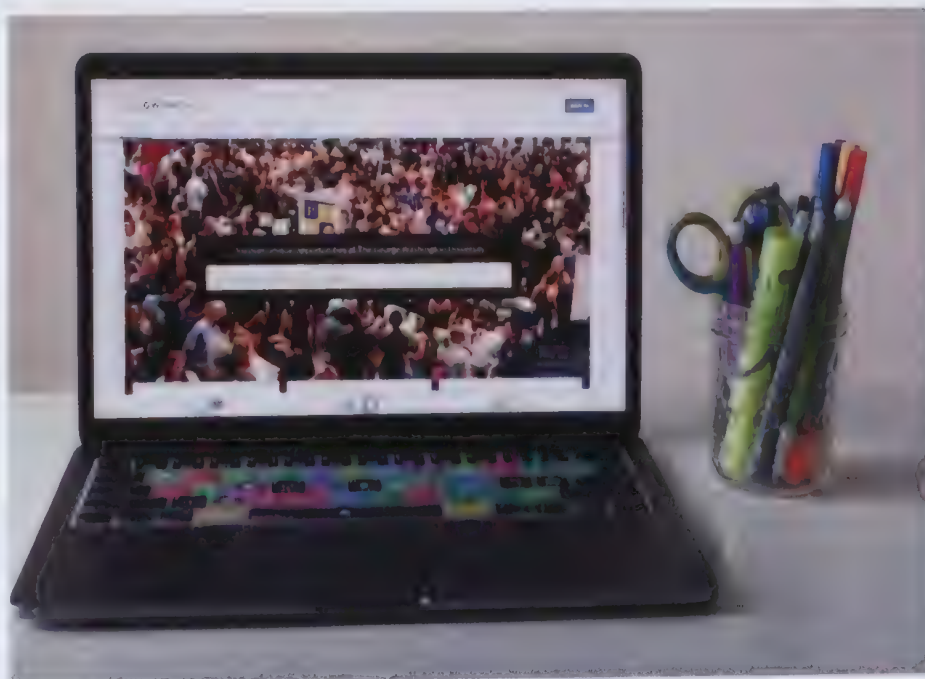


This year's New Student Orientation looked much different, adapting to the online platform due to COVID and occurring weeks before classes began.



Blocky Bottom

To replicate the feel of the campus, GW students created a 1:1 scale model of the Foggy Bottom Campus, calling it "Blocky Bottom". This Minecraft campus even had a virtual org fair to give first-year's an idea of how things would usually operate. This detailed virtual campus displayed Marvin Center, Kogan, Gelman, Deli, and more of the popular spots on campus.



NEW STUDENT
ORIENTATION

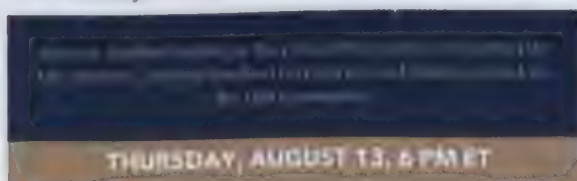
Student Leadership Panel

ENVISIONING STUDENT IMPACT IN 2020

with guests from...



Check your Orientation schedule for link to register



VIRTUAL FALL programming

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B program board



Halloween

To celebrate Halloween, the Program Board held multiple events over the week. They had a TikTok Costume Competition, Halloween Haunt - GooseChase, Potions and PB, and Sip and Paint for Día de los Muertos. For events like Potions and PB, the org went live on their Instagram to "cook up some delicious potions from our cauldrons." PB posted the recipes online and on their Instagram to be enjoyed by everyone. The Día de los Muertos celebration was an evening of Champurrado, Coloring, and Conversations.

Connect to Campus



ANNE LAURIE JOSEPH
Class of 2023
Washington, DC



The Connect to Campus Student Vlogger Series aimed to give students a glimpse of student life, whether it was showing students around Foggy Bottom or what life is like studying and adhering to COVID-19 policies. Anne Laurie Joseph, Eddie Micheletti, and Maansi Srivastava were the three students sharing their experiences over Facebook.



Join us for one event, or all five!



Monday, December 7

Take a break from studying for final exams and join our virtual game night, where you could win some amazing GW swag like a limited edition Midnight Breakfast t-shirt.

RSVP to Play

Name that Song: Musical Game Night

THURS. OCT. 15
AT 7 PM EDT

Show off all of your music knowledge by joining Program Board and Student Life for a musical Kahoot game! There will be multiple rounds of music questions including Pop, Rap, TikTok songs, movie songs and 2000s classic hits. The best part? Prizes include bluetooth speakers, headphones, vinyl records and record players!

<https://gwu.campuslabs.com/engage>

Game Nights

Throughout the fall semester, GW Program Board and other organizations planned game nights for students. There were trivia nights, general game nights, Escape to DC: Virtual Tour and Mystery Game, and Name that Song: Musical Game Night. Students could earn prizes, meet new people, and enjoy an evening of fun.



Corcoran Music Festival

The Corcoran School of Arts and Design held the Corcoran Music Festival virtually this fall over the course of several days. The event showcased Alison Crockett, Douglas Boyce, Jeremy Koch, Millicent Scarlett, Molly Orlando, and many others.

GW Student Life

Virtual Group Fitness Classes

ALL WEEK

Classes are free this fall and open to all GW students, faculty, and staff! If you have any questions, email groupfit@gmail.com.

Session with EMILY's List

THURS. OCT. 15
AT 6 PM EDT

Ready to ignite change? Join us in GW LWT's first training session of the year with EMILY's List. Attendees will be trained as if they were candidates running for office, taught how to formulate their story and to use their voice to create change within their community.

GW Late Night: Bucket List

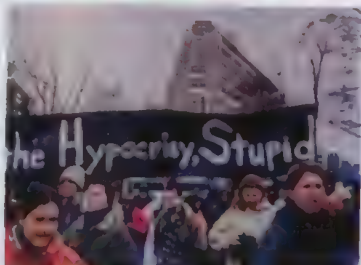
THURS. OCT. 15
AT 12 PM EDT

Can you complete this GW Bucket List? Show us by taking a picture and posting it on your Instagram story with the hashtag #GWBucketList. Tag @StudentLifeAtGW to be featured! These pictures don't

To encourage students to stay active and engaged, GW Campus Recreation and Student Life put on COVID-safe events. These included GW Late Night Bucket List, Swing Left GW Friend Bank, Virtual Training Session With EMILY's List, Virtual Group Fitness Classes, and more.

JASON BLANK

alumni spotlight



What was your degree and when did you graduate?

I graduated with a Bachelor of Art in Political Science in 2002.

What activities were you involved in while at GW?

I was a part of Tau Kappa Epsilon, a board member for College Democrats, involved with a Latin band called Los Gringos, and played at basketball games in the band. I also had an internship on the Hill, interning for a judge.

Who are some outstanding professors that heavily influenced you?

There were two that were particularly influential. The current dean of CCAS, Paul Wahlbeck, taught my Supreme Court Politics class and Bob Dove, former parliamentarian of the US Senate, was a great reference for me.

What was your favorite memory from GW?

During CI, we were taught the GW Fight Song. Some friends and I had gotten dinner and then walked to the back of the White House late at night. We started screaming the GW Fight Song and all of a sudden, we saw lights turn on in the White House. The Secret Service told us, "The President says he's excited you're here, but to please go because he was sleeping."

What did you do post graduation?

I was a bartender for a year after graduation. Then I went down to Florida and attended Nova Southeastern University and have since been a founding partner at Haber Blank, LLP.

How did your involvement at GW help you to grow and set you up for the success that you have had?

My experiences at GW - meeting people, networking, and growing - really helped me understand how to interact with people of all walks of life. I became a part of this GW family that has stayed with me ever since.

What has your involvement been like as an alumnus?

I am a chair of the Dean's Council for CCAS and a part of the National Council of Arts and Sciences for GW. The National Council is made up of alumni, parents, professors, and other interested personnel who want to make commitments to GW but also give back by interacting with the Dean. I help get the message out to other alumni by being an active part of the communications systems. I was also previously a chair for the South Florida Alumni Network, and am still on the board for that group.

Fast Facts

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Volunteering opportunities and workshops offered virtually this year.

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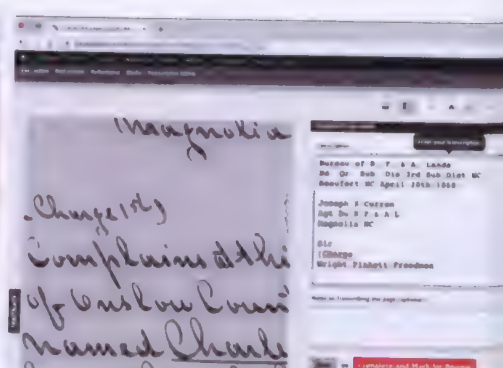
The US Congress designated MLK Day as a national day of service starting in 1994.

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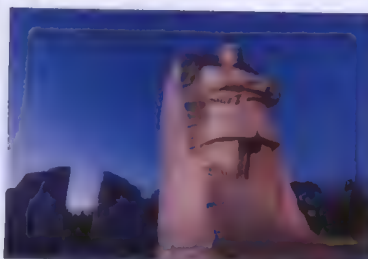
Over 600 people participated last year to do service on and off campus and engaged in leadership workshops.

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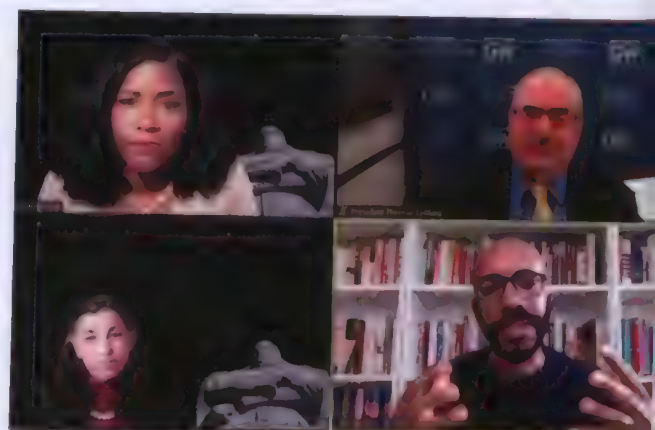
Years of GW celebrating the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service.



GW gwuniversity



Liked by katie_keiser26 and 720 others
gwuniversity "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice." —Martin Luther King, Jr.



Winter Care Package Drive



GW also hosted a Winter Care Package Drive for Connected Schools, an initiative to serve students and families in need. Those who

were unable to participate in the MLK events could purchase warm winter clothing and hygiene products directly off a Wish List to donate. Connected Schools works to ensure that schools are not only a space that supports students' academic development, but also their family's overall well-being. They provide "an integrated approach to academics, health and social services, youth development, and community engagement."



Reflection Questions

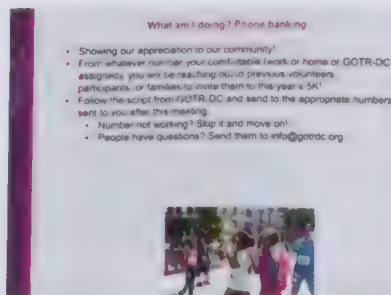
- How does MLK Day of Service relate to Dr. King's dream and his legacy?
- What kind of impact did this service or learning experience bring about?
- What did you learn or experience that you can carry forward in your communities?



MLK DAY of service

Each year, GW honors Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a Day of Service, in which hundreds of GW students, staff, and alumni volunteer to serve throughout the Washington, D.C. community. Despite COVID-19, the 25th anniversary of MLK Day of Service and Leadership took place virtually on Monday, January 18th, by offering workshops and virtual volunteer opportunities for all those participating. This year GW's MLK Day of Service was also included in the Presidential Inaugural Committee's National Day of Service. The event kicked off with the keynote speaker, Clint Smith. He is a staff writer at The Atlantic and the author of *Counting Descent*, a poetry collection, and *How the Word Is Passed*, a narrative nonfiction book.

The service projects included making phone calls, transcribing documents, and volunteering. Opportunities to volunteer included things such as writing letters to first responders and military-affiliated groups with Capital Area Foodbank, Silver Wings, Girls on the Run DC, and the Smithsonian Transcription Center. The occasion also offered workshops which educated volunteers on post-election service through the Nashman Center's "What Now? Post-Election Action", Jumpstart's workshop on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s values, and many more.



2020 ELECTION

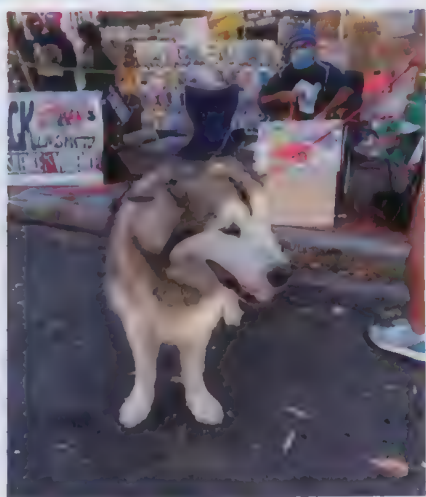
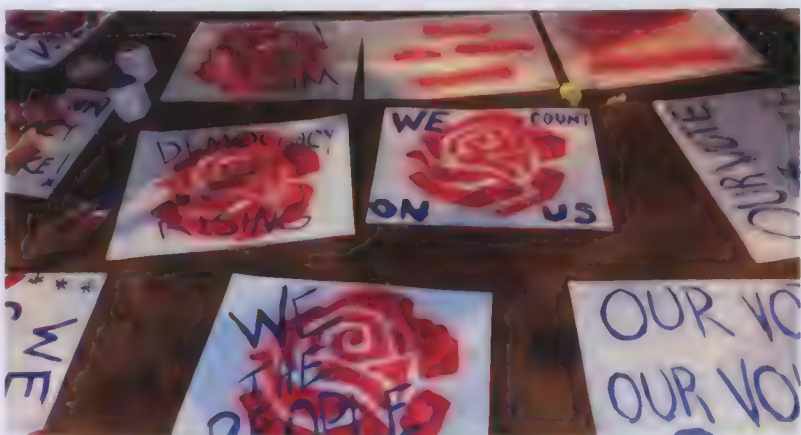
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The George Washington University is often referred to as home to some of the most politically active students in the country, and this election season was no exception. It is without question that the 2020 election was one of the most monumental elections that many students have ever experienced, and taking place during a global pandemic only added another element to its uniqueness.

Traditionally GW students would have spent the fall semester having debate watch parties and attending other election events; however, this year students had to think outside the box to stay connected and informed during this election. Many student organizations including GW College Dems held virtual debate watch parties, and students across the country took advantage of social media to promote voting, local elections, and other big-ticket items that were on the ballot in 2020.

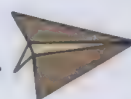
The university canceled classes on election day to allow students and faculty the time to participate in the election, whether that included volunteering at the polls or voting. Election Day turned into Election Week as everyone across the country awaited results from key battleground states. For students that were in the District, walking outside that week meant seeing businesses boarded up and posters lining fences outside the White House and Black Lives Matter Plaza. The week concluded on Saturday when those key battleground states were finally called and President Elect Joe Biden and Vice President Elect Kamala Harris were announced the winners of the 2020 Presidential Election. People filled the streets of DC, celebrating the results of the election. These moments are ones that make going to school in DC so unique and why so many love calling DC home. Over the past 200 years of graduating classes, one thing all GW alumni and students have in common is experiences like these.



GW VOTES

VOTING BY MAIL?

Get voting reminders through Turbovote.



GW
VOTES

GW Votes, a nonpartisan coalition of students, faculty, and staff through the Honey W. Nashman Center for Civic Engagement and Public Service, organized a campaign to encourage students to register to vote in the Presidential Election, send in their ballots, or find their polling locations. They sent out emails to inform students of their state's COVID-19 policies for voting. In 2016, 57.9% of GW students voted in the election, and their 2020 goal was to get 65% of students to vote.

FLASHBACK



Each time there is a presidential election, GW students get very involved throughout the election season. The 2000 election was no different - students gathered before the election to support their candidate and took to the streets to protest following the Supreme Court ruling.

ALUMNI

spotlights

JOE SAUMA



What was your degree and when did you graduate?

I graduated in 1989 with a Master of Business Administration.

Who are some outstanding professors that heavily influenced you?

I had a marketing professor who was the chair of the marketing department at the time. He really gave me exposure to marketing and more specifically, international marketing. George Solomon was another great professor. He was in the entrepreneurship department and was quite impactful. The two of them were great mentors to me during my time.

What was your favorite memory from GW?

I pulled an all-nighter in the Phillips Hall basement, typing a paper because that is where the printer was. I also loved the interactions with my professors. It was truly exciting and made me excited to go to class. Another thing that I loved was how incredible the topics were. It was a blessing that they were able to relate to different cultures, the world, and interactions between countries and organizations.

What is an "Only at GW" moment that you had?

One that is really remarkable is when Dr. Solomon taught us to be creative and how to look for good ideas in new companies. Kuic Cuisine was the company that my class came up with. The premise of this idea mirrors what companies like Hello Fresh do now, so it's

really cool to see how that class really brought on ideas that are popular now.

What did you do post graduation?

I went back to NJ and joined my brothers in a company that exports products worldwide. I'm now the CFO of this company.

How did your involvement at GW help you to grow and set you up for the success that you have had?

The professors' exposure internationally, along with their experiences and connections to world leaders, brought a great perspective into the classroom - one that went way beyond the book. It was truly a hands-on outlook on the world.

What has your involvement been like as an alumnus?

Because of the impact that GW had on me, I feel the need to give back to GW and its students. I have come back to be a judge and mentor for the GW New Venture Competition which has allowed me to interact with a group of students to come up with a concept and give them input based on my experience. I am also on the Board of Philanthropy.

ANTHONY PALERMO

What was your degree and when did you graduate?

I graduated in 1991 with a Political Communications major and in 1993 with a Master in Public Administration.

Why did you want to attend GW?

I really wanted to be in DC, especially as a political communications major. I also got early admissions and the tour absolutely sold me on GW.

What activities were you involved in while at GW?

I was an editorial editor at the Hatchet while at GW. I wrote a column once a month and due to the circumstances, especially my senior year with the First Iraq War, it was a wonderful but also stressful position. I was also a member of College Democrats and Pep Band.

What was your favorite memory from GW?

My favorite GW memories were being there for the presidential inaugurations.

What did you do post graduation?

I did not have a job right after so I ended up switching between jobs for the next few years. I worked at the Red Cross for a little bit but then I ended up going home in 1994. I started writing for the local newspaper, the Charlotte Sun. I did that for three years until I broke into local government. Following that, in 1997 I started in urban planning for the Charlotte Country and have since transitioned into management.



MAX MCGOWEN

What was your degree and when did you graduate?

I graduated with my BA in Political Science and minor in Psychology in 2011 and my Master in Professional Studies Legislative Affairs in 2012.

What activities were you involved in while at GW?

On campus, I was involved in Allied in Pride, GW College Democrats, and the Hatchet as a features editor. I also had an internship on Capitol Hill working for a NJ congressman. In addition to all of that, I worked part-time for the Institute for Politics, Democracy, & Internet and the Eleanor Roosevelt Papers Project, where I worked on a historical archives and editing project.

Who are some outstanding professors that heavily influenced you?

There were definitely a few professors that I loved. Ingrid Creppell's political theory class was amazing and I was astonished at the depth of material. Harvey Feigenbaum taught Politics and Culture and Comparative Politics in Western Europe which were both very interesting.

What was your favorite memory from GW?

I loved when I first came to DC for my freshman fall semester. I was so new with the city but it was awesome to get acquainted and do things like visit the monuments. Another memory I have is watching Obama's first election. I stayed up all night and then went to the White House. I was awake long enough to see the sunrise at the Lincoln Memorial.

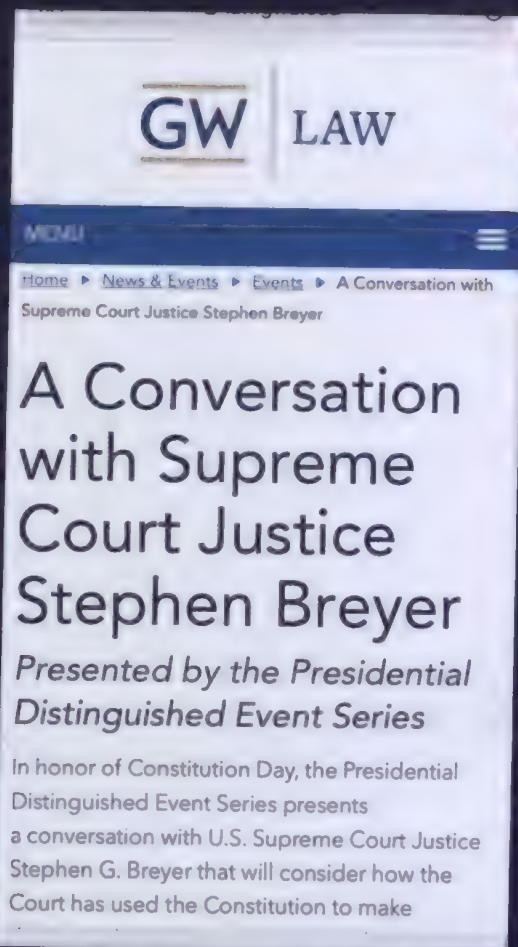
What did you do post graduation?

I took up a position as an AmeriCorp volunteer which has been my segue into nonprofits. I was in the VISTA program as a volunteer so I got placed at a nonprofit in Jersey City, NJ. I provided entrepreneurship training and small business development skills and I loved it! I did that for about a year and it got me thinking about other roles in nonprofits.



VIRTUAL FALL

guest speakers



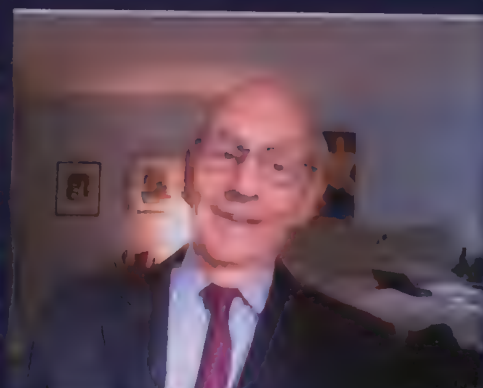
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A Conversation with Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer

Presented by the Presidential Distinguished Event Series

In honor of Constitution Day, the Presidential Distinguished Event Series presents a conversation with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen G. Breyer that will consider how the Court has used the Constitution to make



Justice Stephen Breyer

Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer visited GW virtually for Constitution Day at the Presidential Distinguished Event Series. This series was launched in 2019 to host well-known guest speakers for the GW community. It is in partnership with the Division for Student Affairs, Program Board, and the Office for Diversity, Equity, and Community Engagement. Justice Breyer spoke on how the Court has used the Constitutions to make decisions that impact us. He gave insight and advice, one piece being that we prompt change by "working in your own community."

College Dems



gwcollegedems

GUEST SPEAKER

GINA ORTIZ JONES (TX-23)

Wednesday, October 14th
7-9 PM Eastern

Sign Up: gwdems.org/texas

GW COLLEGE DEMOCRATS



gwcollegedems

GUEST SPEAKER

SEN. TINA SMITH (MN)

Thursday!
6 PM Eastern

Sign Up: gwdems.org/tina

GW COLLEGE DEMOCRATS

The GW College Democrats hosted two guests in October: Democratic Senator for Minnesota Tina Smith and Gina Ortiz Jones, an American intelligence officer who ran for Congress in Texas' 23rd district. Both speakers discussed issues in the country and plans as the election drew nearer. Members then spent some time phone banking for the respective candidates.



CLRE & Politics Prose

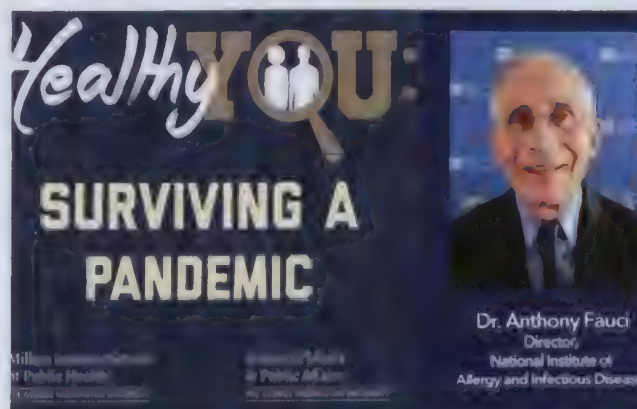
GW Campus Living and Residential Education hosted many speakers during the fall. Events included Political Ads in 2020: A Discussion with an Admaker and an Academic, Gun Culture in the US, Diálogos Hispanos, etc. Other organizations also put on events for GW; for example, Politics Prose put on a virtual experience in which Louise Penny and Hillary Clinton spoke.



Amb. Fareed Yasseen

Iraqi Ambassador Fareed Yasseen has been Iraq's ambassador to the United States since November 2016. Amb. Yasseen joined the Middle East Policy Forum to discuss the U.S.-Iraqi relationship and his view on it in light of recent events.

Dr. Anthony Fauci



Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's leading infectious disease expert, virtually spoke at GW. During Dr. Fauci: Politicalization of COVID-19 Makes Effective Response 'Very Difficult', the physician spoke on best practices to control the spread of the virus and the progression of the vaccine at the time.

BRIAN HENDERSON

professor spotlight

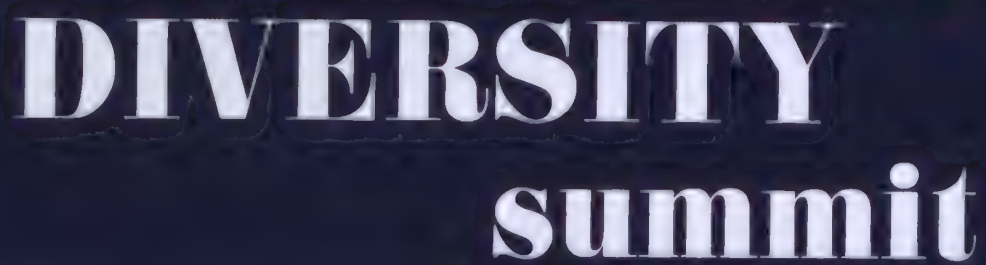


Professor Brian Henderson, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor in the Finance Department for the School of Business. He has been teaching for 15 years and has been a professor at GW since 2008. Professor Henderson teaches both undergraduate and graduate students, specializing in financial derivatives, securities, and investment management. He has done extensive research on how changes in the securities market reflect short selling, and in turn, also affect stock prices.

Professor Henderson's interest in finance started when he first began thinking about how people make and save money. He picked up the Wall Street Journal and that sparked his interest in investments. He began studying finance as an undergraduate at James Madison University, majoring in Quantitative Finance and Economics. He chose to continue his education in finance and earned his Masters of Science and Ph.D in Finance from the University of Illinois. Professor Henderson realized that he enjoyed reading, research, and studying during graduate school and decided to pursue a job as a professor at Seton Hall University before coming to GW.

Since being a professor at GW, he has become the Finance Department Representative for the Doctoral Program and has assisted with curriculum task forces to enhance the Finance Program. His favorite part of being a GW Faculty member is that there is a lot of support and resources that are provided to help the professional development of faculty. As a professor, he finds it incredibly rewarding to see his students' progression between Investment and Portfolio Management (FINA 3101) and Financial Derivatives (FINA 4301), two undergraduate finance classes. On a more personal note, his father was a GW Alumnus so it is special for him to be able to teach at GW.

Professor Henderson's biggest piece of advice to students is to "just keep working. Your career won't turn out how you envision. Sometimes things go better, sometimes they go worse. Either way, you just need to persevere and keep looking for the next opportunity, and make opportunities for yourself."



Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion continue to be pillars of the GW community and the Diversity Summit is an integral part of GW's efforts to support this mission. Students, professors, and other attendees left this three-day summit with more knowledge and understanding about the past, reflections to challenge themselves in today's world, and the inspiration to be bold leaders in the future.

THEN & NOW

4TH ANNUAL DIVERSITY SUMMIT
Embracing Diversity and Inclusion at GW

The 4th Annual Diversity Summit, held in November 2018, focused on Embracing Diversity and Inclusion at GW.

THE 6TH ANNUAL DIVERSITY SUMMIT

Understand the

PAST.

Challenge Yourself in the

PRESENT.

Be Bold for Our

FUTURE.

The 6th Annual Diversity Summit Past, Present, Future. What will our legacy be? - held virtually on November 11th, 12th, and 13th.

THE OFFICE FOR DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

A MODERATED DISCUSSION AND Q&A WITH:

Kimberlé Crenshaw



PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

What will our legacy be?

Keynote Speaker

Kimberlé Crenshaw, a law professor at UCLA and Columbia Law School, spoke on the second day of the 2020 Diversity Summit to discuss the current racial disparities and other issues we've experienced during COVID-19. She is a leading authority in the area of Civil Rights, Black Feminist Theory, and race, racism, and the law.

PAST.

How we understand where we come from and the experiences, stories, suffering and triumph of those who came before us.

What will our legacy be?



CRENSHAW'S WORK "HAS BEEN FOUNDATIONAL IN THE TWO FIELDS OF STUDY THAT HAVE COME TO BE KNOWN BY TERMS THAT SHE COINED: CRITICAL RACE THEORY AND INTERSECTIONALITY."

REGISTER AT GO.GW/EDU/2020DIVERSITYSUMMIT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2020

FUTURE.

Working towards a common goal or outcome while taking lessons from the Past and Present into how we build our future.

What will our legacy be?



PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

What will our legacy be?

WE INVITE YOU TO LEARN, CHALLENGE YOURSELF, AND BE BOLD ON NOVEMBER 11, 12, & 13TH AT THE 6TH ANNUAL DIVERSITY SUMMIT.

VIRTUAL FALL programming

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Cooking & Conversation

ANTONI POROWSKI

**Tuesday, December 8
7pm EDT**



**RSVP -
LINK IN BIO**

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ANTONI POROWSKI

Cooking & Conversation

Midnight Breakfast, a tradition at GW to kick off the end of the semester and start of finals, welcomed Antoni Porowski for Cooking & Conversation. Antoni Porowski is the host of *Queer Eye*, an actor, a chef, a model, and an author. He gave the GW community a virtual cooking demonstration on how to make sweet potato latkes with lemony chive sour cream. Cooking & Conversations was just one event out of the series of Midnight Breakfast events that took place over a week. University faculty and staff like Dean Coleman, Dean Petty, and Prof. Kristensen also shared some recipes online for students to make.

Midnight Breakfast



Friday, December 11

Yoga, meditation, face masks, oh my! Don't let finals season stress you out (you've got this, GW!). Take some time to unwind and relax with us.

RSVP to Relax

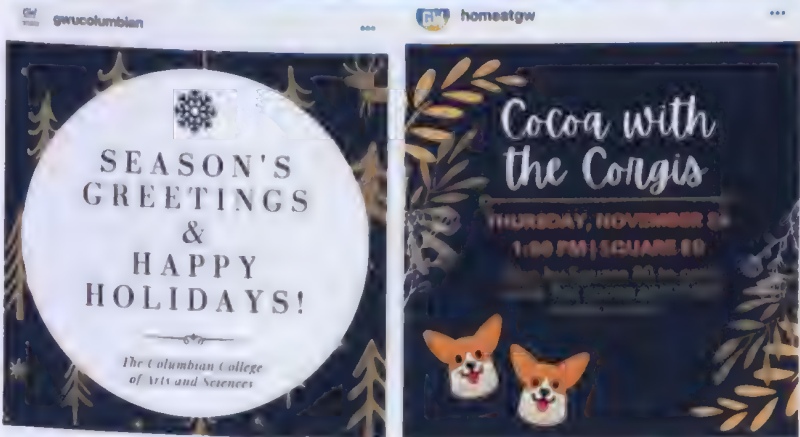
We look forward to celebrating the end of the semester with you at all our Midnight Breakfast events - even

**Thank you @gwrha for
hosting this year's virtual
Study Buddy party!**



**RAISE
HIGH!**

The other Midnight Breakfast events took place throughout the week. There was the traditional Study Buddy party that happened virtually instead this year, a movie night to destress before finals, and the Relax All Day event which promoted taking a break from studying to take care of yourself. On top of all of that, there was also yoga, game nights, and more.



Happy Holidays

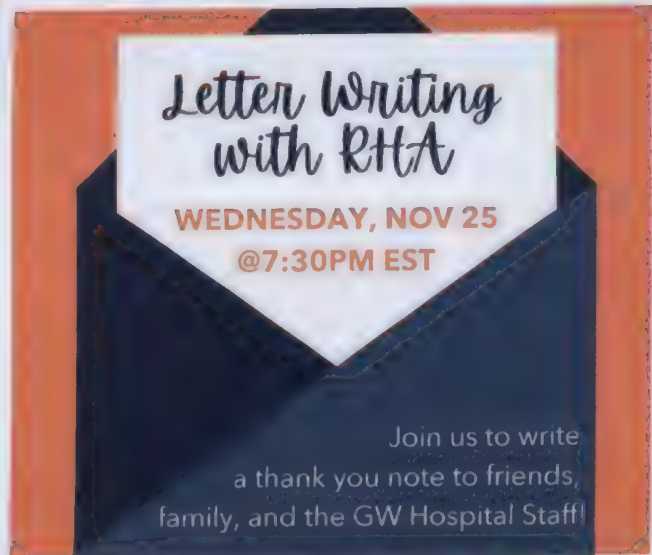
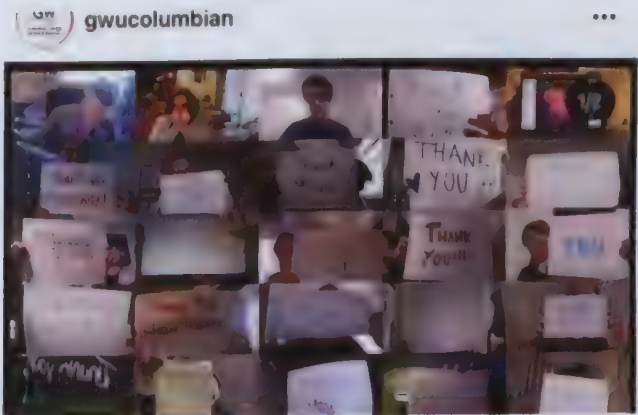
To celebrate the holidays and bring cheer to students, there were events like Cocoa with the Corgis which let on campus students stop by Square 80 to get hot chocolate and meet some corgis. During Thanksgiving, there was an Among Us Game Night and before the winter break there was Coffee + A Walk Around the Tidal Basin.



Home at GW Events

Throughout the semester, Home at GW hosted many events for students including Cooking and Convo with Professor Youmans to make foul mudammas and talk about the US elections, French Cafe Hour with Professor Goul, and S'more Night in Kogan Plaza.

Thanksgiving



Over the Thanksgiving break, there were multiple events for students to show their thanks. The RHA brought community members together to write notes to friends, family, and the GW Hospital Staff. There was also a trivia night, a virtual Turkey Trot/5k, and a GW Staff shared their holiday recipes.

ALUMNI

spotlights

NINO TABESHADZE

What was your degree and when did you graduate?

I studied Museum Collections Management and Care and graduated in 2012.

Why did you want to attend GW?

There was the Georgian Russia War in 2008 and when the war came, it changed a lot for me. It also opened my eyes to the people who had nothing. I graduated from my bachelor's program in 2010 so I decided I wanted to apply for a foreign university.

Who are some outstanding professors that heavily influenced you?

The professors and program as a whole were great! They helped me to find my strengths and my voice and I never felt neglected. Marie C. Malero specifically was a great influence for me.

What was your favorite memory from GW?

GW helped me feel proud of my differences. They support diversity and coming from a developing country, I was a bit doubtful of my place at GW. But it was the only institution that I had gone to where I got the same respect and equality regardless of my background.

How did your involvement at GW help you to grow and set you up for the success that you have had?

GW gave me self confidence on so many levels and made me understand that differences aren't a flaw. My voice always matters and I have my unique perspectives to share. It helped get me involved in refugees and I became the first woman in Georgia to work with Refugees. I later wrote my Ph.D dissertation on refugees.



HUANRAN SUN

What was your degree and when did you graduate?

I graduated in 2017 earning a BBA with Concentrations in International Business and Management Information Systems Technology.

What activities were you involved in while at GW?

I was a member of the IA Society, Beta Alpha Psi, the Chinese Student Scholars Association, and the Student Association.

What was your favorite memory from GW?

It sounds simple, but I really enjoyed afternoons where I finished classes in Duques and I would walk over to Gelbucks. I'd go sit in Kogan and just enjoy the campus.

What is an "Only at GW" moment that you had?

The White House held an Asian American Pacific Islander Summit and that was an awesome experience.

What did you do post graduation?

I joined Deloitte in their Technology Consulting practice.

How did your involvement at GW help you to grow and set you up for the success that you have had?

Studying at GW set the foundation for my career, learning the business concepts and how different people and countries work together. The concepts really can be applied in the real world and I was able to connect with a recruiter through the school to get an interview. The career services were super helpful and had great resources for me.



TAOZHEN HUANG

What was your degree and when did you graduate?

I graduated in 2020 with a Master of Arts in Education and Human Development, specializing in Organizational Leadership and Learning.

Why did you want to attend GW?

I was at a point where I was thinking about grad school and seeking career advancement. I struggled between part-time and full-time because I liked my job, so I decided to look for something online. GW's looked really good and diverse, and since I am in Beijing, I liked the international experience that professors at GW have. I also did an internship in DC as an undergrad which I really enjoyed.

What activities were you involved in while at GW?

Despite being remote, from the very beginning during cohort orientation, I felt like I could reach out to the instructors and career center for advice. I used a lot of the online services from the Writing Center to the Career Center. It was really important to have the shared experience with my cohort and interact outside of the classroom so that I felt connected.

What is your favorite memory from GW?

My favorite memory was when I did a short visit during Summer 2019. I was in DC for work and I spent a day on campus. I got to see my cohort in-person and they took me to all of the popular spots.

What did you do post graduation?

I work at the US Embassy in Beijing so I've been getting back to a new, normalized schedule. I am back in the office and I am working more on education in China.

How did your involvement at GW help you to grow and set you up for the success that you have had?

I really enjoyed the program. At first, I didn't know how to have a full-time job and how to go back to being in school but I appreciated how the program was designed. I loved having a cohort so I wasn't alone in the struggle and it was very practical - I could use what I was learning right away in my work.



NUO LI

What was your degree and when did you graduate?

I got my Master of Tourism Administration in 2020.

What activities were you involved in while at GW?

I was a part of Tourism for Tomorrow, where as a marketing officer, I helped plan and promote student activities and webinars for other MTA students. I was also a part of the ISO in which I participated in coffee chats and round tables.

Who are some outstanding professors that heavily influenced you?

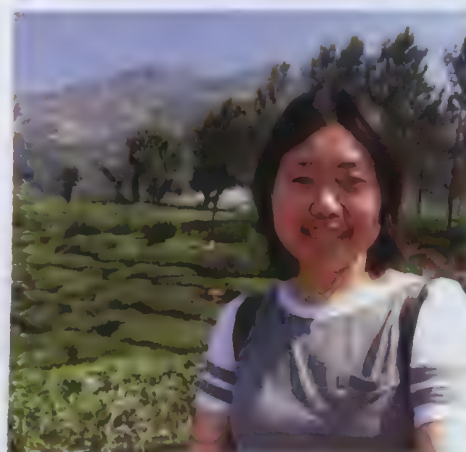
Seleni Matus taught managing tourism organizations which introduced different tourism organizations at national, regional, and local levels. I loved this class because it helped me decide what kind of organization I wanted to work for. This and other classes really helped build a solid foundation and expose us to industry leaders.

What is an "Only at GW" moment that you had?

Back in Fall 2019, we had a behind the scenes tour of a Marriott that was about to open. It was in the final stage of construction and there were amazing cherry blossom paintings that were maps of GW. That was really an awesome experience!

What are your goals for the future?

In the short term, I want to be the social media manager for a tourism company to connect Chinese tourism. In the longer term, I want to have my own destination agency to help bring other agencies into China so that there is more Chinese tourism.



Broad Stripes and Bright Stars

In lieu of the crowds that usually gather on the National Mall for an inauguration, the Presidential Inaugural Committee installs a display of nearly 200,000 flags — American flags and flags from every US state and territory. The flags represent those who cannot attend the event because of the pandemic and tightened security in the wake of the Jan. 6th insurrection at the Capitol.

Sweet Land of Liberty, of Thee I Sing

Lady Gaga performs the national anthem to begin the inauguration ceremonies, accompanied by the US Marine Corp band. Jennifer Lopez's performance weaves together the Woody Guthrie standard "This Land is Your Land" with "America the Beautiful," and a sprinkle of her 2000 hit "Let's Get Loud." Country music superstar Garth Brooks asks everyone to sing along as he performs "Amazing Grace."

Unconventional to the Very End

The first president in more than 150 years to boycott his successor's inauguration, Donald Trump refuses to participate in many of the usual traditions symbolic of a peaceful transfer of power. Hours before the inauguration, the outgoing President and First Lady board Marine One after making brief farewell remarks to a small crowd of supporters.

Cap'n Clorox and the COVID Precautions

Keeping both security and COVID-19 precautions in mind, the inauguration of the nation's 46th president strays far from tradition. Crowds are limited, and mask wearing and social distancing are enforced. The National Mall is closed completely. And during the ceremony, a diligent-yet-unknown masked man disinfects the presidential podium after each speaker, earning the nickname Sanitizer-In-Chief.

AN INAUGURATION UNLIKE ANY IN HISTORY

"A Nation That Isn't Broken, But Simply Unfinished"

At 22-years old, National Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman becomes the youngest person to ever recite an inaugural poem. The Los Angeles native was requested by Dr. Jill Biden after hearing Gorman at a poetry reading. "The Hill We Climb" was written during the weeks after the election, with some passages influenced by the storming of the US Capitol just two weeks prior on Jan. 6, 2021.

The Swearing In of Joe Biden and Kamala Harris

On Jan. 20, 2021, Joseph R. Biden is sworn in and becomes the 46th president of the United States. In his inaugural address, the president recalls the challenges facing the country and calls for unity. Kamala Harris is the first woman, African American and person of South Asian descent to be sworn in as Vice President of the United States. The theme of the inauguration of the Biden/Harris administration is "America United".

Source: Anthony Delandino, USA Today

Source: Patrick Semanara, AP News



Source: Justin Brinkley, AP News

Protest Takes Violent Turn

Angry protesters storm the US Capitol building on Jan. 6, 2021 in an attempt to stop a joint session of Congress from confirming Joe Biden's victory. The Senate and House of Representatives are evacuated as rioters occupy and ransack the empty chamber, posting videos to social media all the while, making it easy for the FBI to arrest more than 200 people within two weeks of the riot. Five people die from the event, and dozens are injured.



Source: Justin Brinkley, AP News

Let's Get This Show Off the Road

The usual pomp and circumstance of a presidential inauguration are re-imagined for a nation enduring a pandemic. The traditional Capitol Hill Luncheon and Inaugural Ball are canceled. Biden and Harris receive a military escort to the White House, and the Inaugural Parade is replaced with a virtual made-for-TV event hosted by Tom Hanks and featuring celebrity performances and everyday heroes like healthcare workers and educators.

GUARD DUTY A National Guard soldier stands along the northeast perimeter of the Capitol grounds. Massive security protocols were enacted after the Capitol breach, Jan. 6. Fencing was added on the perimeter of federal buildings and landmarks. The National Mall was closed and 13 subways around it were shut down. Soldiers were brought into to protect perimeters and monitor road closings. Photo by Kel Lemons/Balfour

LIBRARY PROTECTION Behind metal fencing, National Guardsmen stand outside the James Madison Memorial Building. The building is one of three that houses the Library of Congress on Capitol Hill. Photo by Kel Lemons/Balfour



After the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol, about 25 miles of fencing was added around DC, outlining restricted areas. Photos by Kel Lemons/Balfour



CLOSED FOR NOW On Inauguration Day, military vehicles line an empty bridge leading into DC. Starting Jan. 17, most bridges into the city were closed. The road closures ended at 6 a.m., Jan. 21. Photo by Kel Lemons/Balfour

BLOCK THE WAY National Guard troops and vehicles block the road at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and New Jersey Avenue. Street closures were part of the inauguration safety measures. Photo by Kel Lemons/Balfour



Oath of Office

With hands raised, Maryland State Police officers take the oath of office outside the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Jan. 19. About 2,500 officers from across the country were deputized as part of security for the 59th Presidential Inauguration. The U.S. Department of Justice and United States Marshals Service authorizes the special deputization oath to give officers authority in the District of Columbia. The deputization is a standard inauguration activity every four years. Photo by Kel Lemons/Balfour



LOCKED DOWN

Additional security measures taken in DC before inauguration, including installing miles of fencing and deploying 25,000 National Guard troops



READY FOR WORK On 2nd Street, National Guard troops walk along a razor-wired fence on the southeast side of the Capitol grounds. After the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol, the Secret Service and federal law enforcement agencies launched massive security measures to protect the Jan. 20 inauguration. The Department of Defense authorized up to 25,000 National Guard troops for deployment to DC, five times the current presence in Afghanistan and Iraq. Between 5,000 to 7,000 troops were expected to remain in the capital through mid-March. Military officials estimated keeping Guardsmen in DC since Jan. 6 cost \$483 million. Photo by Kel Lemons/Balfour

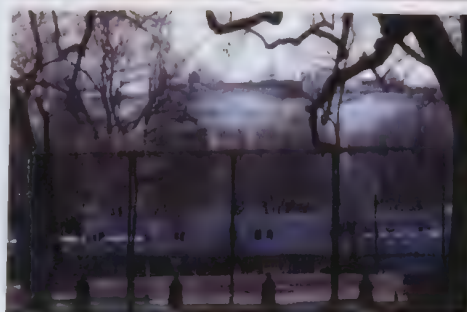


ON PATROL Holding his service rifle, an Army National Guardsman stands at his post in downtown DC. The soldiers worked in 12-hour shifts at street closures, authorization areas, federal buildings and national monuments. Photo by Kel Lemons/Balfour



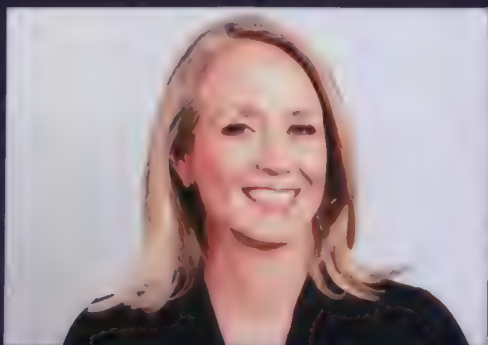
LOCKED OUT Two panels of green metal fencing are locked together near the south perimeter of the National Mall. In addition, eight-foot fencing with razor wire surrounded the Capitol grounds. Between the two fences, dozens of National Guard troops stood patrol on Independence Avenue. Photo by Kel Lemons/Balfour

Monumental issue



DC residents and visitors experienced a surreal version of the nation's capital in January. The National Mall was closed and metal fencing was added around landmarks, including a second one at the White House. Photos by Kel Lemons/Balfour

Bicentennial Events



The GSPM welcomed Stephanie Schriock, president of EMILY's list, to speak about her MasterClass as part of the Celebrating 200 Years Series.



Coach Jen Rizzotti hosted a Chalk Talk for GW Athletics Bicentennial Weekend to look back at some of the best moments in GW sports history.



[Learn More](#)

The Office of Alumni Relations and GWU Museum and The Textile Museum hosted a Trivia Night as a part of the Celebrating 200 Years Series.

George Hacks



The Annual George Hacks Medical Solutions Hackathon is a time when groups of students get together to choose a problem statement to solve in 24 hours. These problems are patient-specific or involve the organization's systematic issues. There are many awards given to students such as most creative video, best overall, and best pitch.



As a part of GW Unplugged Week, take a stroll and catch the sunset around the Foggy Bottom neighborhood with Edwin. Here's your chance to explore! Register on Engage GW.
MARCH 11TH, 5-8PM



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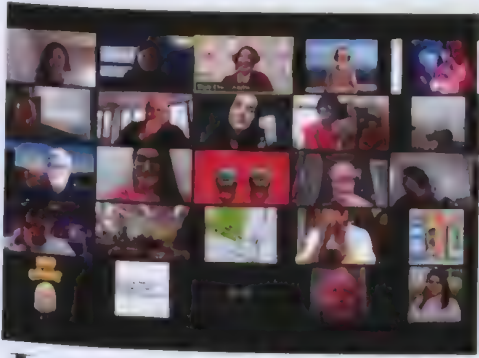
GW UNPLUGGED
National Day of Unplugging

March 8-12

Here are some things you can do to unplug this week!

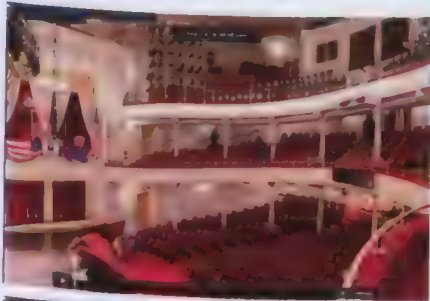
GW Unplugged

For the National Day of Unplugging, a day dedicated to getting off of technology and social media to relax, the school had GW Unplugged Week. They gave ideas of how to get away from your phone and activities to do without technology. One event was a walk at sunset around the Foggy Bottom.



Lunar New Year Celebration

To celebrate GW Lunar New Year, multiple GW organizations as well as the San Diego Southern Sea Dragon and Lion Dance Association put on an afternoon filled with education, entertainment, a cooking tutorial highlighting the Asian culture, and a Lion Dance performance.



DC Mondays

DC Mondays is a series of discussions about D.C.'s history, politics, culture, and various other topics. Local authors, researchers, and community members led these discussions each week. There were many sessions offered this spring, including Abraham Lincoln's Washington by the GW Museum and Textile Museum, Past Present Future of the Tidal Basin, A History of the Washington Metro, and many others.

Fridays @5

Fridays @5 is a series of events in which people can enjoy Jazz, Chamber, Spoken Word, Electronic and more. It is put on by the Corcoran Program of Music and represents everything that the Corcoran community learned in the spring. It was open to anyone including students, staff, and alumni.



VIRTUAL spring programming

COVID-19 vaccines



With COVID-19 afflicting the world, companies were working to develop and test vaccines so that we could return to a sense of normalcy. The George Washington University, being a top research institution and having previously done vaccine research, played a monumental role in the testing of COVID-19 vaccines. In July 2020, the university began serving as a clinical research site to test the Moderna vaccine during its Phase 3 study. According to GW Today, Barbara Lee Bass, VP for Health Affairs, Dean of the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, and CEO of GW Medical Faculty Associates, noted that "our participation in the Moderna Phase 3 vaccine trials has enhanced GW's already-robust vaccine research effort and further highlighted our prominence among other research universities in the collective effort to address the largest global health crisis in modern times." The GW Hospital staff and doctors were among the first healthcare workers to receive the vaccine in December 2020 after it had been officially released. Later on in February 2021, GW volunteers participated in the study for a protein-based vaccine developed by Sanofi.

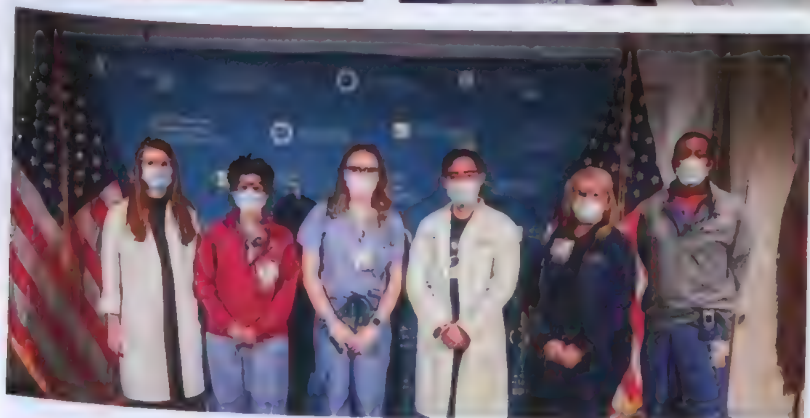
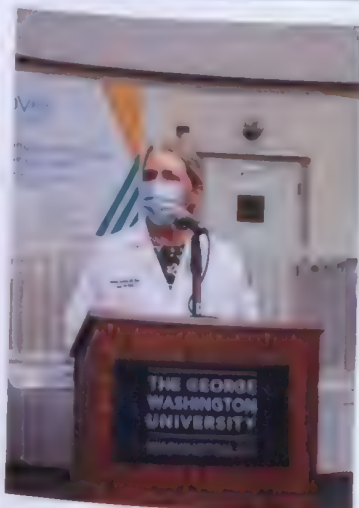


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COVID-19 VACCINE TESTED

GW begins a Phase 3 study of Moderna's mRNA-1273 vaccine, helping to develop and test a safe, effective COVID-19 vaccine



Moderna



The George Washington University was selected as one of 100 clinical trial sites in the US for the vaccine. A total of 349 volunteers enrolled in GW's clinical trials to test the Moderna vaccine. Of the 349 volunteers, more than 50% were from communities of color, 25% had a comorbidity, and 26% were over the age of 65. This diversity was essential to test the vaccine's effectiveness across varying populations and degrees of health. The Moderna vaccine was approved on December 18, 2020 by the US FDA.

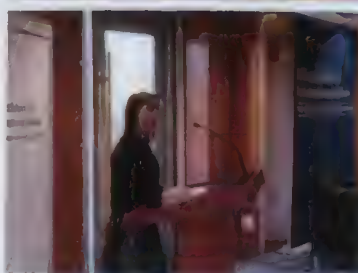
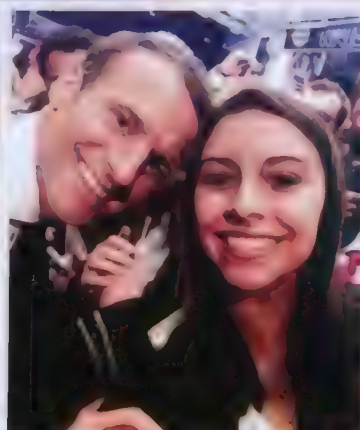
FLASHBACK



Previously, GW has participated in the vaccine research for HIV, Zika virus, and neglected tropical diseases. The GW Vaccine Research Unit at the GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences and the GW Medical Faculty Associates conducts trials for these vaccines.

LAURA GOMEZ

alumni spotlight



What was your degree and when did you graduate?

I graduated in 2018 with a Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs and Economics.

Why did you want to attend GW?

I'm from Colombia and I wanted to go to college internationally. I also wanted to do IA and be in a city, so the perfect combination was at GW. I loved the prime location and that I could attend cool events every week!

What activities were you involved in while at GW?

I was involved with the GW Student Association, GW Por Colombia, and I was also an RA.

Who are some outstanding professors that heavily influenced you?

James Foster, Martha Finamore, Cynthia McClintock, Paul Carrillo, and Irine Foster were some of my most influential professors.

What was your favorite memory from GW?

I have a few. One is that, as an international student from Colombia, I was a part of GW Por Colombia. I created a partnership between the Colombian Embassy and GW that hosted an event where the ambassador came. A relationship formed between GW, the Colombian government, and GW's administration, which was awesome. Another great memory was when President Macron visited GW. I got a front row seat for his town hall with the Dean of Elliot, asked him a question, and got a selfie. My last favorite memory was meeting my now fiancé in the J Street Cafe. Our first date was to the monuments my freshman year.

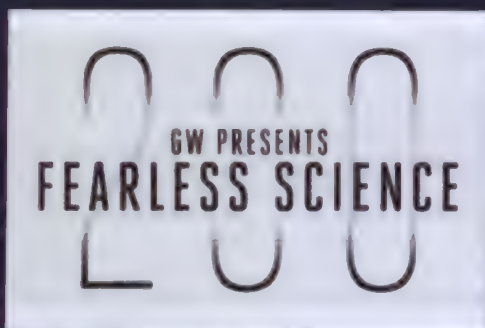
What is an "Only at GW" moment that you had?

My "Only at GW" moment is when the Pope came to GW. He said a mass and I won a ticket to be there. That was really special to me.

What did you do post graduation?

When I graduated, I went to work for the World Bank in the tech department. This job offer stemmed from my internship junior year. I actually randomly struck up a conversation with a woman who worked at the World Bank at an informal event put on by Career Services. Weeks later, I got an email saying the woman had reached out to the Career Center to see my resume for an internship. I ended up being the youngest hire at the World Bank. I am now in an MBA program and am interested in start up and innovation.

Bicentennial Events



"Fearless Science", a documentary of Milken Institute School of Public Health's Hurricane Maria research, was premiered for a Celebrating 200 Years event.

g 200 Years: GW's Impact on Entrepreneurship
Monday, May 24, 2021 • 12:00pm EDT



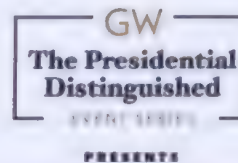
Celebrating 200 Years: GW's Impact on Entrepreneurship featured alumni business leaders who spoke on how GW shaped their professional journeys.

Speakers: GW on the Pulse of Space and Technology
Monday, July 13, 2021 • 6:30pm EDT



GW alumni who are developing and using technology to initiate global change spoke on how their GW experiences influence their work.

Christopher Jackson



AN EVENING WITH
Christopher Jackson



Christopher Jackson, Tony Award-nominated actor and Grammy and Emmy Award-winning songwriter/composer, came to virtually speak at GW and discuss his role in the musical *Hamilton*. The event was moderated by Associate Professor Denver Brunzman and questions came from the GW community.



SEAS Speakers

GW School of Engineering and Applied Sciences hosted an Environmental and Energy Management Institute Webinar Series, hosting many different speakers including Mauro Petriccione, Ambassador Andras Simonyi, Hazel Henderson, Ken LaRoe, and Dr. Bruce Hull.



GWSB Events

The GW School of Business hosts many events every semester to expose its students to business leaders and challenges. This spring, the school took part in the Inaugural Conference on Innovations to Tackle Global Sustainability Challenges, the Women's Entrepreneurial Leadership Impact Conference, GW InfluenceHer with GWSB alumni, Emmy-winning Host, and TV Personality, Lilliana Vazquez, and more.

CIVIC LEADERSHIP DIALOGUES

THE HONEY W. NASHMAN
CENTER FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
AND PUBLIC SERVICE



Civic Leadership

The Honey W. Nashman Center for Civic Engagement and Public Service hosted a series of events during the Civic Leadership Dialogues, to address ethical leadership, inclusivity and diversity, community service, and wellness. These conversations were led by members of the Nashman Center Team, including Dr. Rachel Talbert, Charity Eddleman, Jovanni Mahonez, and Dania Castro.

Trevor Noah

GW Program Board welcomed Trevor Noah for a virtual event to talk about "The Daily Show", what he's learned from the pandemic, what he would study at GW, and more. Trevor Noah is a Emmy and Peabody Award-winning host and a best selling author. He said his major would most likely be economics.

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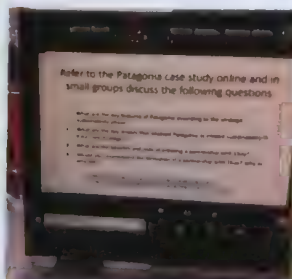


VIRTUAL SPRING guest speakers



VIRTUAL classroom

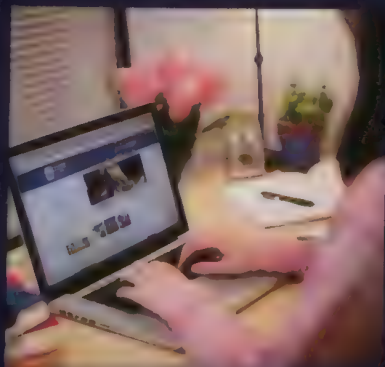
This unprecedented year has offered challenges for all of us, and as students, it has challenged us to adapt to virtual learning, study from different places all around the world, collaborate across time zones, communicate via video calls, and connect in new ways. GW had students who took classes from the East Coast to the West Coast to East Asia and more during this year. Many were studying from their homes and others were quarantining in a GW dorm. While students struggled balancing and adjusting to their new schedules in this virtual world, they made the best out of the situation and continued being active members in their organizations, coordinating virtual events with speakers, special guests, and alumni. We saw the GW community setting up home offices, working outside in the sun, social distancing in Kogan, and even some taking GW classes from New Zealand. Students found creative ways to continue friendships and start new ones, whether it was forming at-home workout groups or holding study sessions which met over Zoom rather than in Duques. Others had the pleasure of having pets as their study buddy. Despite the situation, GW students adapted and encouraged one another from miles away. Professors also worked to be available and supportive to their students even from their own homes by hosting office hours outside of normal work hours and using popular features like breakout rooms.



THEN & NOW



In previous years, students attended in-person lectures in halls like Fonger, Phillips, Duques, and Monroe. They formed connections through classroom interaction.

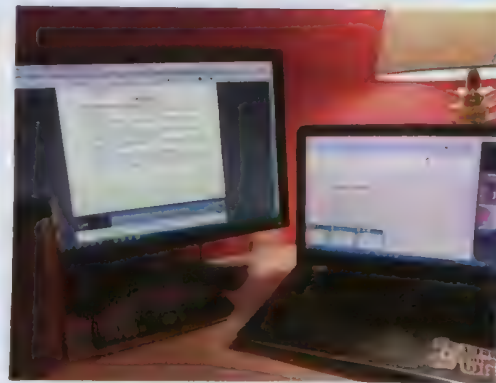
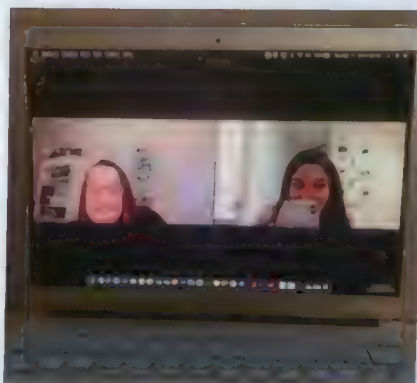
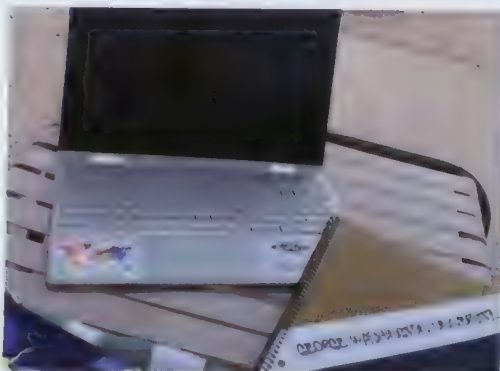


This year drastically changed how students learned. They now attended classes by clicking on a link to join and interacted through their screens from around the world.



D.C. Snow Day

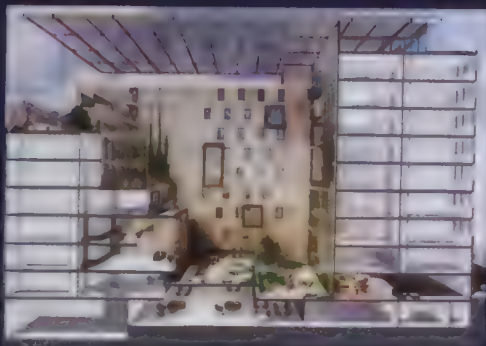
GW's Foggy Bottom became a winter wonderland a few times in January and February when it snowed a few inches. Students who were on or near campus took a break from their studies to walk around the monuments, enjoy the winter weather, make little snowmen, and take pictures.



Bicentennial Events



The GWAA Focus Group hosted two feedback sessions to commemorate Black GW History and share about the Leah Brock McCartney Project.



Thurston Hall, the dorm which is home to hundreds of freshmen, is being renovated and GW showed a sneak peak during a Celebrating 200 Years event.

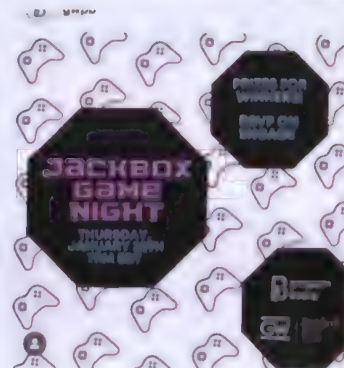
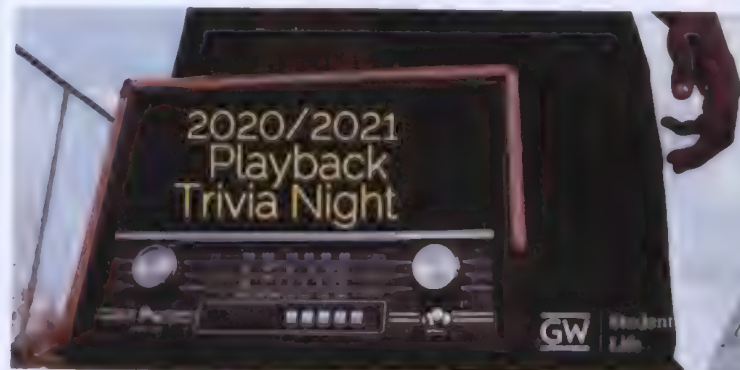


H.E. Dr. Anwar Gargash
GCAS BA '81, MA '84

Rosa Gottemoeller
ESBA MA '82

GW's Global Impact was another event in the Celebrating 200 Years series in which alumni who are global leaders discussed GW's role in their work.

Game Nights

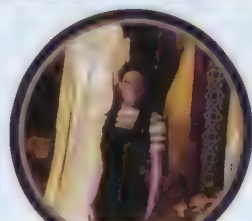
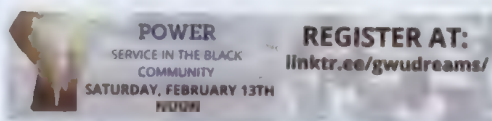


GW Program Board hosted many game nights again this semester to engage students. There was a Jackbox Game Night, Playback Trivia Night, Jeopardy, and Name that Tune. The more times a student joined the game nights, the higher chance they had to win prizes at the end of the semester.



GW Late Night

GW Late Night presented activities throughout the semester to engage on and off campus students. There were multiple movie nights, including one to watch Black Panther before finals, as well as GW House Party which allowed students to build community and destress after midterms.



FIONA JOSEPH
Director of Programming,
GWU DREAMS



BLACK IS _____

Black Heritage Celebration

The Black Heritage Celebration is an annual event for Black organizations at GW. This year, BHC 2021: Black Is _____ had events such as Black is Women, an open forum about how Black women can continue fighting for their equality; Black is Power, a conference discussing ways to serve the Black community; Black is the Future, a conversation around Black leaders with guest speakers; and more.



Cherry Blossoms

The cherry blossom season is an iconic time of year for GW students. Each year students love going to the monuments to see the beautiful flowers and there is a National Cherry Blossom Festival. This year, museum staff led a discussion about traditional Japanese clothing and did Japanese crafts and kimonos for kids. Museum curator Lee Talbot also spoke on a unique dyeing technique from the island of Okinawa, bingata.

Dance Film Shorts

Dance Film Shorts is a place for GW Dance students to come together to record dances that were choreographed by students. This event took place in April for the Spring semester and featured Honor's Thesis Film Projects by Alison Janega and Arielle Ostry. The group also worked with faculty choreographers.



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STUDENT LIFE

THEN



An anchor for arts and culture at the George Washington University, Lisner Auditorium hosts world class events on the Foggy Bottom Campus.



1908



1939
TRONG HALL COUNCIL



1950



Alumni Spotlight

ANTHONY PALERMO

Anthony Palermo graduated in 1991 with a Political Communications major and in 1993 with a Master in Public Administration. During his time at GW, he was an editorial editor at the Hatchet, a member of the Pep Band, and active in College Democrats. He really enjoyed all of these student organizations. Specifically, being a part of the Hatchet gave him a chance to write a column once a month.



NOW



The Residence Hall Association (RHA) at The George Washington University is a student-run organization that represents all students living on campus.



1986



2001



2021

Alumni Spotlight TAOZHEN HUANG

Taozhen Huang graduated in 2020 with her Master of Arts in Education and Human Development, specializing in Organizational Leadership and Learning. Her program was online and she completed it from Beijing, China. She came to visit for a short time during the summer of 2019 and got to meet her cohort and see all of the popular GW spots, including the hippo statue.





history of THE VERN

The George Washington University's Mount Vernon Campus is located in the verdant Berkley neighborhood of Northwest Washington DC, just three miles northwest of the Foggy Bottom Campus. There is a bus, the Vern Express or the Vex, that takes students between the two campuses. Mount Vernon provides a more traditional college campus than its Foggy Bottom counterpart since it is more secluded, has dining halls, and shared bathrooms but it still offers GW students easy access to all that the nation's capital has to offer.



The campus was formerly the home of the Mount Vernon Seminary and College, a private women's high school and college. This educational institution was founded in 1868 by Elizabeth J. Somers, who played an important role in promoting women's education. In 1997, the 121-year-old Mount Vernon College announced plans to merge with the George Washington University. In 1999, the last Mount Vernon College class graduated and on June 30, 1999 the campus officially became the Mount Vernon Campus of the George Washington University. It is still now co-ed but is still home to the GW Women's Leadership Program. It is also now an integral part to many students' GW experience. On the Vern, there are pools, tennis courts, soccer fields, and more places essential to our GW athletes.



THEN & NOW

In 1945, Somers Hall was established on the Mount Vernon Campus.



It now houses the first-year women of the selective Elizabeth J. Somers Women's Leadership Program, who continue to promote Elizabeth J. Somers' vision for excellence in academic achievement, strong sense of community, and leadership development.



West Hall

In 2010, West Hall was established, offering student housing, dining, a state-of-the-art fitness center, reservable event spaces, a recording studio, a dance studio, a blackbox theatre, and music practice rooms.



Fast Facts

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Number of Academic Organizations at GW

87%

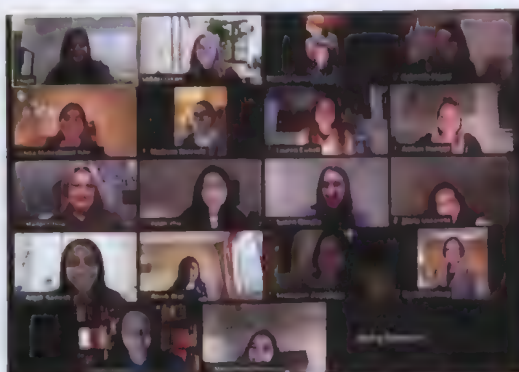
Percentage of GW students involved in student organizations

4000

More than 4000 students are a part of at least one Academic Organization here at GW

43%

Percentage of GW Students who hold a leadership position in a student organization



FIRST GENERAL BODY MEETING

Wednesday, 9/16 @7pm EST

via Google Meet

Join using the meeting link:
<https://meet.google.com/hgi-ndgm-pcr>



Unplugged w/ CJSA: An Honest Conversation on Police Reform

OUR PANELISTS:



CARLOS BUSTAMANTE



GLENN KIRSCHNER



SAMANTHA PAIGE DAVIS



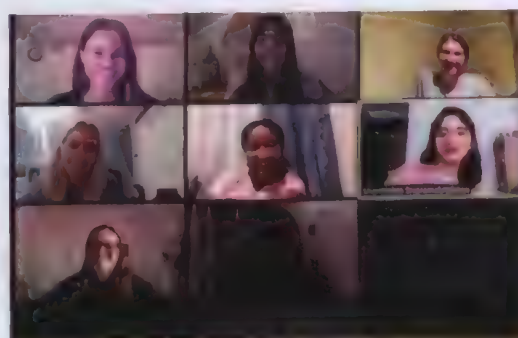
CHEF FRANK WILEY



Department of Sociology
Columbian College of Arts & Sciences



Women in Economics



ALUMNA GUEST SPEAKER EVENT

With Sharmishta Sivaramakrishnan
Singapore Gov. Policy Officer
& GW Economics Alum
10/22 5pm ET via Webex

GW Women in Economics is a pre-professional organization, and this event was with a GW Economics alumna who now works for the government in Singapore. Despite being apart, Women in Econ have been taking advantage of the ability to video call across the world, and still have career development events for its members.

DAY 1 | DC

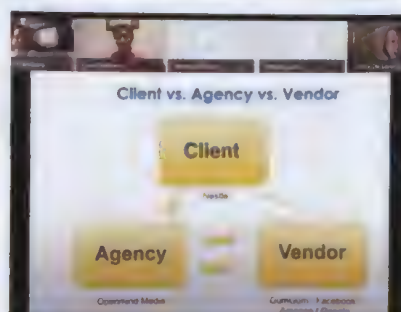
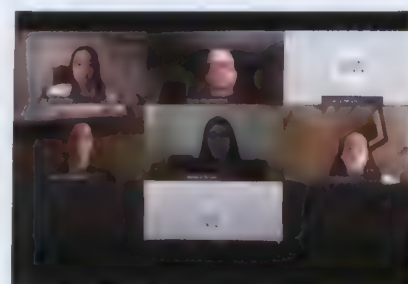


ACADEMIC organizations

GW is home to many student organizations and academic organizations make up a large portion. These orgs allow students of similar academic interests, majors, or career goals come together to build a community and network. From the Association for Women in Math to the American Marketing Association, GW has a diverse set of organizations to fit any students' academic interests.

Being a member of the Marketing Association means being part of a community of over 445,000 individuals who share your passion, drive and a relentless thirst for knowledge. It doesn't matter whether you are a thinker or a doer. If you want to shape the industry, join the largest professional marketing association in the world. Membership in a national organization like AMA connects you to marketers across all specialties to collaborate, network, gain practical experience, and empower your career. AMA has a continual program of events and training throughout the year that are tailored to make you a better marketer. Not only will you be learning from some of the sharpest minds in the industry, as an AMA member you'll also enjoy student discounts and access to the DC professional chapter.

Virtual opportunities include weekly virtual forums with exclusive keynote speakers, weekly General Body Meetings, and virtual conferences.

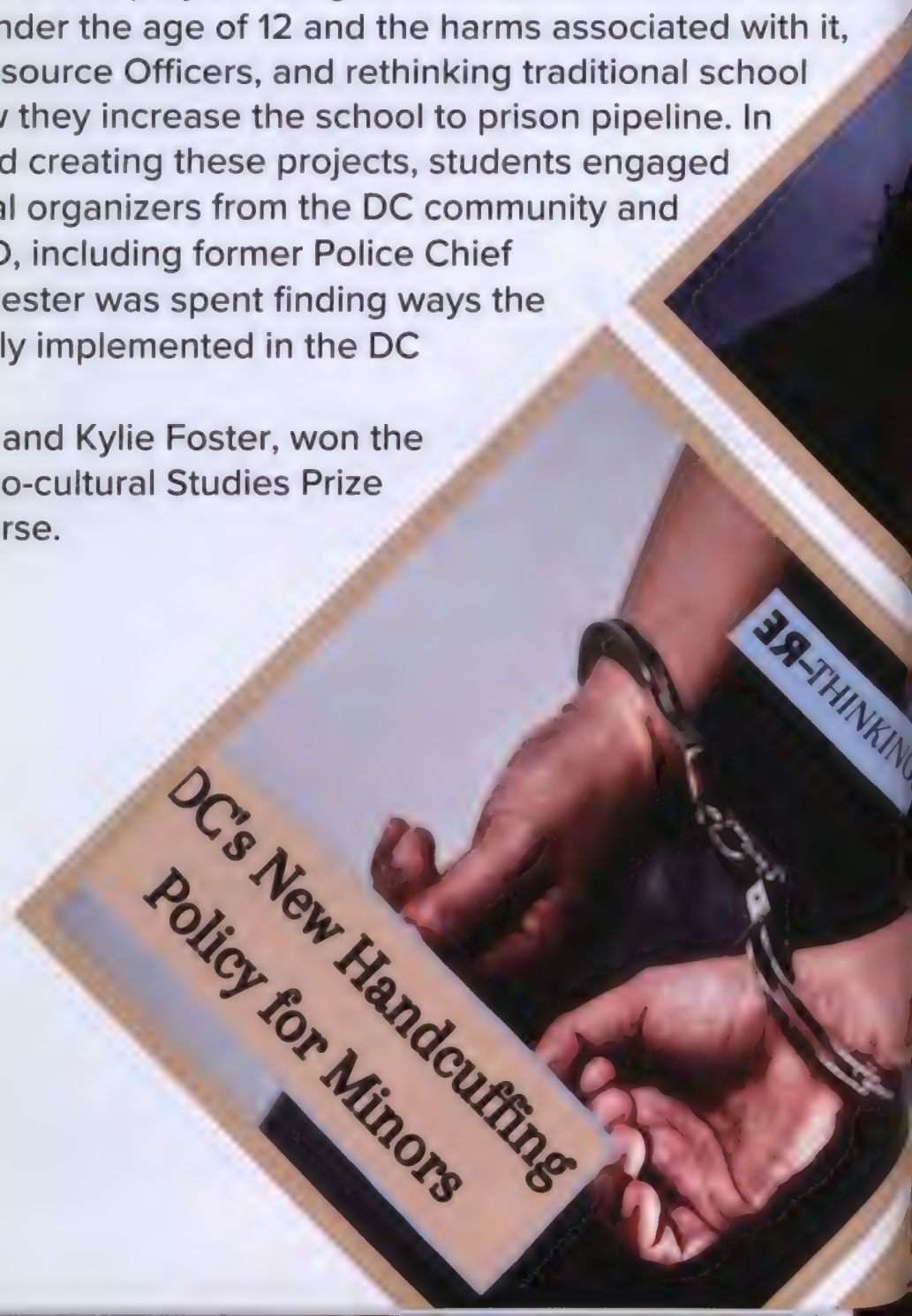


RETHINKING DC YOUTH AND POLICING

special project spotlight

Rethinking DC Youth and Policing was a project started by the Black Student Union and the Nashman Center that ended up becoming a brand new class that was taught at GW by Professor Ebony Russ. The class is two semesters long and students are split into groups to create and implement their own research projects centered on how the Metropolitan Police Department can better interact with juveniles in the DC area. The projects ranged from research on the use of handcuffs with juveniles under the age of 12 and the harms associated with it, the presence of School Resource Officers, and rethinking traditional school discipline policies and how they increase the school to prison pipeline. In addition to researching and creating these projects, students engaged in conversations with social organizers from the DC community and many members of the MPD, including former Police Chief Newsham. The spring semester was spent finding ways the projects can be successfully implemented in the DC community.

Students, Bishop Walton and Kylie Foster, won the Research Showcase's Socio-cultural Studies Prize for their work from the course.





—RETHINKING—
DC Policing and
Youth Diversion
THE PROJECT

LGBTQIA+ organizations

oSTEM INTEREST MEETING

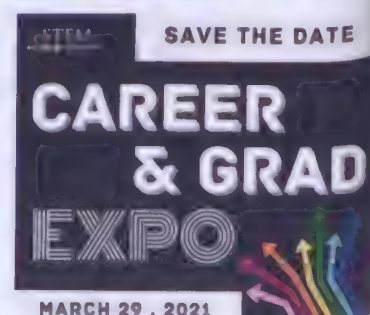
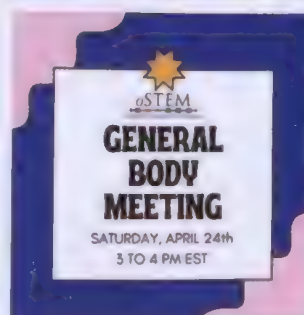
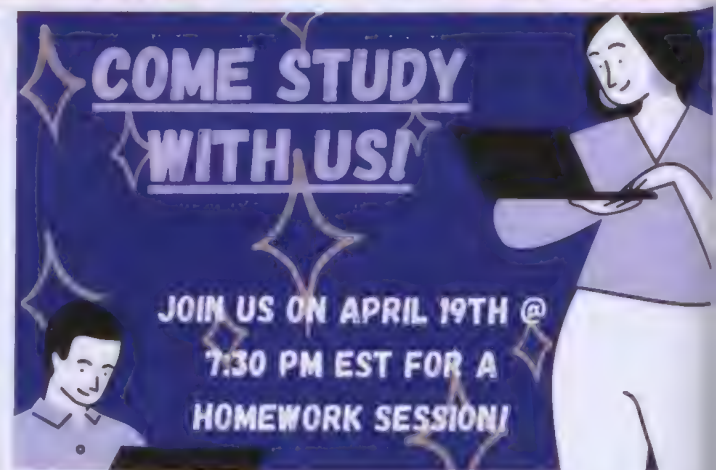
Open to all LGBT+ GWU students in STEM!
Thursday 12/03 @ 7pm EST
Registration link in bio

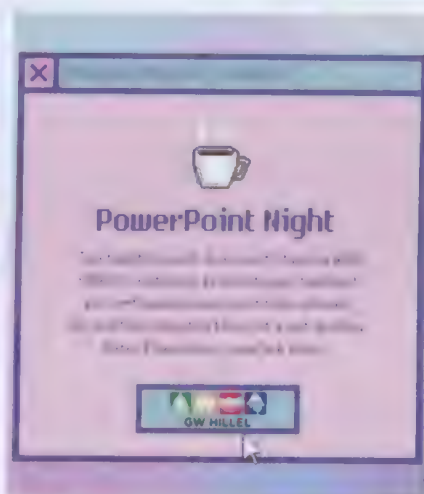


oSTEM aims to provide a safe, supportive environment for LGBTQIA+ people in STEM fields that benefits them socially, professionally, and philanthropically. Students with any major related to science, technology, engineering, or mathematics are welcome to join.

In October 2005, IBM sponsored a focus group where students convened at the Human Rights Campaign headquarters in Washington D.C. as part of the Out for Work conference. These students discussed topics relevant to LGBTQIA+ communities at their own colleges and universities and debated how to form an organization that serves students in the STEM community.

The GW chapter of oSTEM began at the start of 2021, and elected their first board in February. Before oSTEM, there was no inclusive organization dedicated to serving LGBTQIA+ students in STEM, though other organizations had celebrated and supported diversity in science and engineering through other professional societies.





Kehila GW

KEHILA GW PRESENTS

IT'S LGBTEAQ TIME

Every Thursday 7-8 pm EDT

KehilaGW was founded to provide LGBTQIA+ Jewish students at the George Washington University with a safe space where they are free to unapologetically be and present their most authentic selves. KehilaGW will give students the opportunity to grapple with and engage their LGBTQIA+ identity, their Jewish identity, and the intersection of those identities. They host weekly tea time that has been conducted virtually this year.

FLASHBACK



Delta Lambda Phi is a traditional Greek social organization founded by and for a decidedly nontraditional group: gay, bisexual, and progressive men. It was founded in 1986 in Washington, DC. GW's chapter is the Alpha chapter, which was rechartered in 2018. This photo is of the Alpha Chapter at the 1993 March on Washington for LGBT Rights.

ANMOL GORAYA

student spotlight

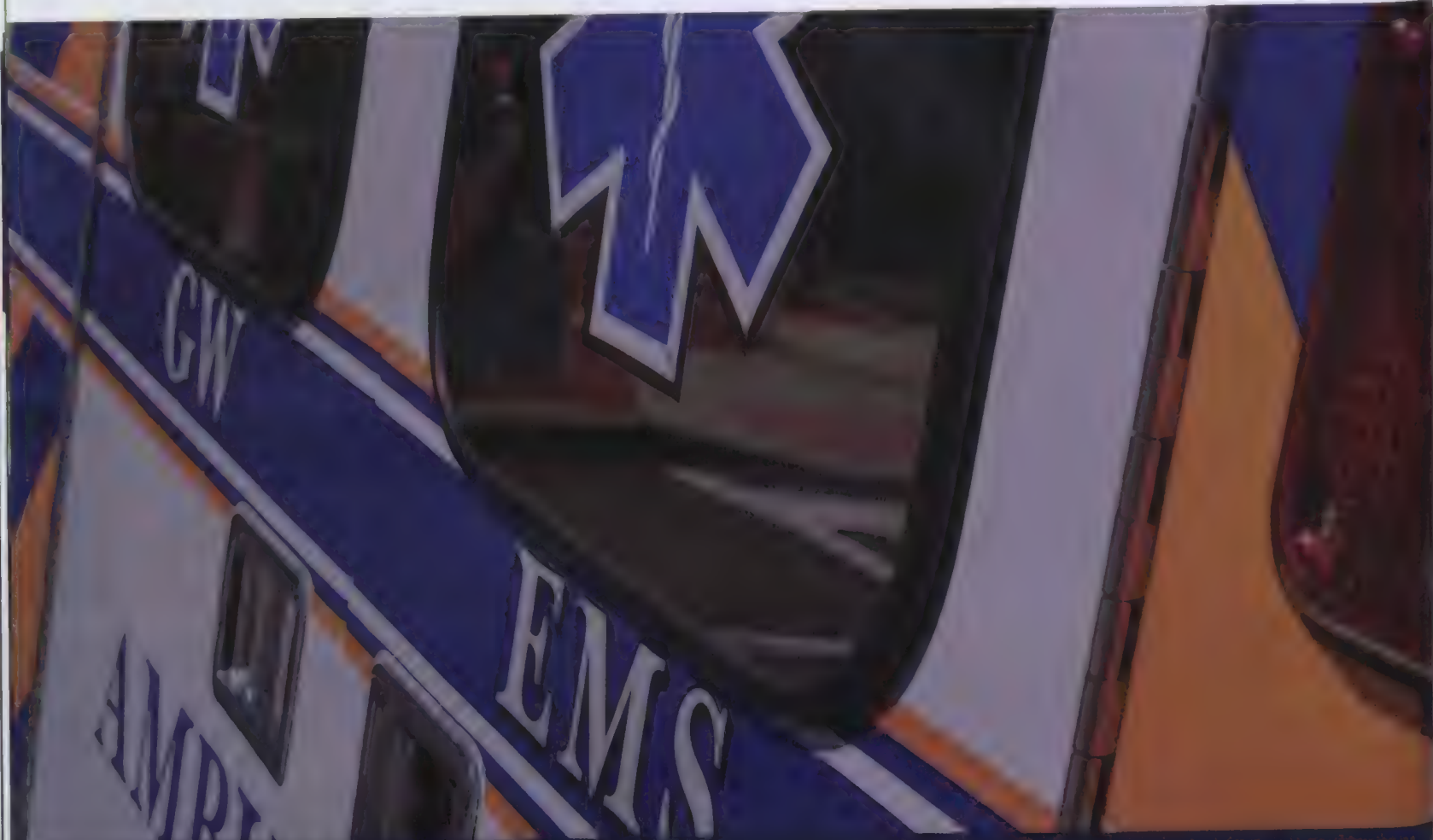


Anmol Goraya, Class of 2022, is majoring in International Affairs, concentrating in Conflict Resolution, with a minor in Law & Society. She came to GW to become part of a community that directs its resources to imagining and realizing a more equitable world. She really enjoys her experience, saying "this university has connected me to creative, bold, and ever-curious individuals that stretch the bounds of my imagination and the scope of my thinking with each encounter." Anmol's desire to study IA stemmed from her belief that the "study of any field - economics, political systems, business, sciences - is incomplete without an understanding of the circumstances under which that field exists and develops. Studying International Affairs is studying the context in which all knowledge is produced, the manner in which it's shared, the dynamics that draw lines between 'right' and 'wrong' or 'fact' and 'fiction'. IA is a deep dive into human rationality in its most institutionalized form. I've found it to be a very rewarding sphere of study."

On campus, Anmol splits her time outside of classes between her role as the Director of Communications for the Sikh Student Association and her involvement in the Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity. Previously, she has also served as a Peer Advisor in Elliott and collaborated with justice-centered organizations like Students Against Imperialism. Off campus, Anmol is a legal assistant at Miller Law in Arlington, VA and a volunteer at Sikhi Alpha, a nonprofit organization designed to eliminate barriers to education and opportunity for underrepresented communities by organizing around health services and financial literacy.

Thus far, her favorite thing about GW has been the size of the student body, which has brought an incredibly diverse pool of people that have influenced her interests, hobbies, and knowledge base. One of Anmol's #OnlyAtGW moments was attending the testimony of Christine Blasey Ford in Fall 2018.

After graduation, Anmol plans to attend law school and pursue a career in immigration law to apply her interests in human flow and global mobility to facilitating migration for vulnerable populations. The courses she's taken so far have "shaped her understanding of human movement as an inevitable social truth, accelerated by the climate crisis and the encroaching harshness of global capitalism," and Anmol plans to dedicate her career to increasing the fluidity of our state borders.

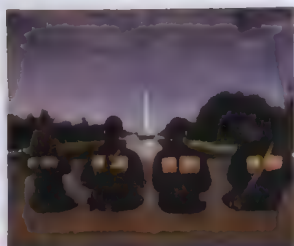


EMeRG

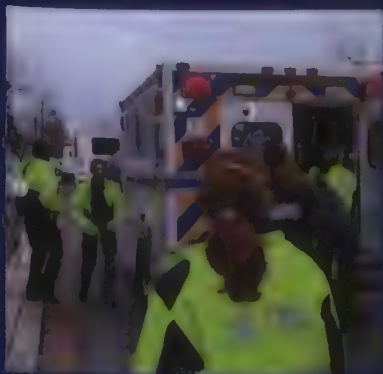
gw ems

When EMeRG began its ambulance services, the patient care abilities of the organization increased as care providers were able to not only respond and assess patients on scene, but transport them to the hospital as well. EMeRG providers are also able to work more directly with DC Fire and EMS Advanced Life Support, when necessary, to treat patients requiring more interventions outside of the Basic Life Support capabilities of EMeRG.

EMeRG is a member of the National Collegiate Emergency Medical Services Foundation (NCEMSF). The organization has served as National Conference host in 2003 and co-host, with Georgetown University Emergency Medical Response Service, GERMS, in 2009.



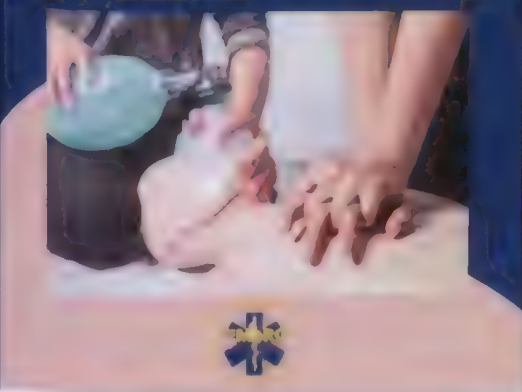
THEN & NOW



The George Washington University Emergency Medical Response Group (EMeRG) was founded in 1994 by Emergency Health Services students Jacob Abbott and Geoff Shapiro. EMeRG began and currently operates as a licensed BLS agency in the District of Columbia.

Campus bike response began in 1996, and ambulance services began in 2008. In the spring of 2009, EMeRG obtained an additional ambulance for campus and community response. They currently operate with two ambulances as well as a Quick Response Vehicle for our Field Supervisor.

CPR CLASSES WITH EMERG!



CPR Classes

In addition to on-campus emergency medical services, EMeRG offers free CPR certification classes for GW students, faculty and staff, as well as the surrounding community.



THE WOMEN'S NETWORK

student organization spotlight

Where did the idea for the Women's Network come from?

The Women's Network is a national organization dedicated to building a supportive and all encompassing network for women, femmes, and non binary people. Something distinctly unique about GW is its location within the heart of the nation's capitol. Here in DC, internships, jobs, and opportunities come along through connections, so starting a chapter here was a no-brainer.

Who is involved?

The Women's Network is a non-exclusive organization which means that all women, femmes, and non-binary students are not only welcome, but encouraged to join.

Why did you want to get involved as president?

Originally, I applied to the Executive Vice President position. After going through an application and interview process through the national branch, Jamie Vinick, our Founder and National President, asked me to serve as President. She supported my ambition by believing in my ability to lead the first chapter at GW. Today, I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to get involved in an organization with our mission and purpose.

What makes this organization unique?

The Women's Network is unique in its ability to bring together women, femmes, and non-binary people from across the US, no matter their identity, socioeconomic status, or field of study, and cultivate a common sense of community and ambition. Today the network has thousands of members who inspire each other to continue achieving their goals and beyond.

What sort of events have you put on? What events are in the works?

The Women's Network: GW is incredibly proud of our chapter's events that we've held from this semester from our initial Launch Event to our Resume and LinkedIn Workshops. In the fall, shortly after the Justice's passing, TWN: GW hosted Lisa Beattie Frelinghuysen, a former Supreme Court Clerk for Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg to discuss her legacy, the Supreme Court, and the future of women's rights. Recently, we hosted an Internship Panel in which current and former interns could help guide newer students through the process. Some of our most favorite events were those hosted by the Equity Inclusion Cooperative like our Let's Chat event during the 2020 election and Diversity and Inclusion Event on MLK Day. Looking forward, TWN: GW is excited to host a Business and Legal Panel in which members of these industries can speak to our members about the field and offer networking and future advise.

How do you see the organization growing in the future? Where do you hope it goes?

With the COVID-19 Pandemic, so many of our GW Campus Organizations have felt the impacts on membership and overall engagement. I, and the rest of the team, are very hopeful with in person activities returning in the fall that the next board will be able to increase engagement and create a community where our members are able to truly support each other in a way that was impossible online and over Zoom.

What is your favorite part about being in this organization?

As cheesy as it sounds, my favorite part of this organization are the people. Both the National Branch's support as well as the GW Chapter have truly brought joy to such a taxing and stressful year. I am incredibly grateful for the support of Jamie Vinick as well as my entire Executive Board, Ambassador Team, Blog Team, Marketing Team, and general body membership at GW.

What are you most proud of from what you've accomplished this year?
 I am most proud of our Executive Board here at TWN: GW. This year, 12 incredibly women decided to dedicate their time to supporting our members and creating a community despite all of the chaos and difficulties in the world today. They worked so hard to create a chapter worth our mission. I know that while not every effort is noticed by every member, every effort has helped to create a community at GW that our members needed. They are truly selfless members of GW.



Nina Beattie
 Yale Law School
 Criminal Defense &
 Voter Protection

**TWN GW
 Legal Panel**
Kimberly Soto
 GWU Law School
 Family &
 Estate Law

Heather Shumaker
 GWU Law School
 Public Policy &
 Advocacy at NWU

**TONIGHT (4/12)
 @ 6:30PM
 EST**

Fast Facts

87.8%

Percentage of students who planned on voting for President Joe Biden in November 2020

68.7%

Percentage of students who identify as "Liberal" or "Very Liberal"

20+

Number of political student organizations at GW

1908

Year that GW College Republicans was established at GW



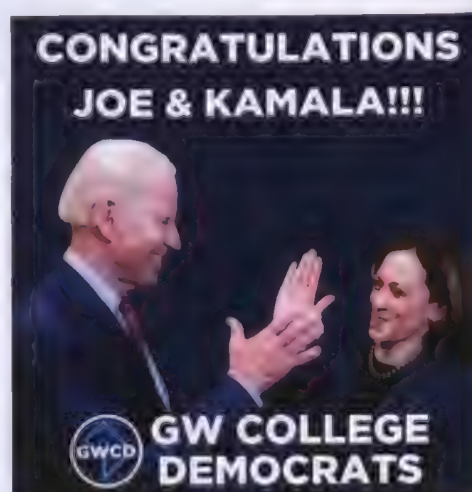
It's time to
PHONE BANK



College Democrats

College Dems is proud to be the largest student organization at GW and the largest chapter of the College Democrats in the country. Our organization hosts a variety of events throughout the year. This includes bringing speakers to campus, engaging in debates, organizing campaign trips, providing community service opportunities, hosting membership events, and partnering with other GW student organizations to foster a civically engaged community. They are

proud to be promoting the progressive agenda at GW.

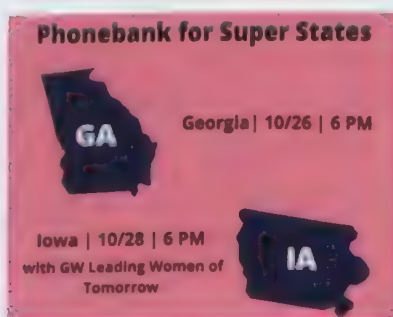
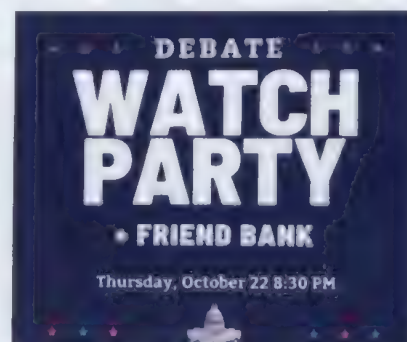




POLITICAL organizations

GW, one of the most politically active schools in the nation is home to many student run political organizations. These organizations include GW College Democrats, GW College Republicans, IGNITE at GW, Young Americans for Liberty, Swing Left GWU, and many more.

In the Fall semester, Swing Left GWU hosted letter writing, phone banking, and relational organizing events to elect Democrats up and down the ballot in November. In addition, they hosted watch parties, trivia-themed events, and collaborated with other political organizations to increase turnout in the most important election of students' lives!



WE MARCH
WE PROTEST
WE VOLUNTEER
& WE VOTE

BLACK STUDENT UNION

student organization spotlight

The GW Black Student Union was established in 1968 to support the betterment of the Black community and to foster a sense of community among students at GW. The organization's mission is to "stimulate the intellectual, political, cultural, and social growth of all GW students. Through enriching programs, mentorship and service, BSU seeks to educate themselves and the larger GW community." Their hope is that their events will help students be more aware and spark initiative to make change within the community. BSU draws not only Black students but also students with other backgrounds to learn from one another. The president from April 2020 to 2021, Devon Bradley, said he wanted to join BSU because he felt that it wasn't up to standard for a major university in DC and that it "was important to elevate the black community internally and externally." He also mentions that their "willingness to listen and work with administration on behalf of students" really allowed the organization to serve in a more transparent and open manner with the university.

Students can get involved in GW BSU through the various events that are put on throughout the year. This year they all took place virtually, but in a normal year these events are hosted in the Marvin Center, MSSC, University Yard, and other areas around campus. The most important annual events are the Black Heritage Celebration that takes place all of February and the MSC Block Party at the start of the year. BSU also hosts professional and networking events with different speakers each year. During this COVID year, the organization put on Freshman Meet and Greets and had an office reveal party. In the coming years, BSU hopes to continue creating new events and traditions and build their repertoire as a loved and cherished group on campus. They also want to continue the connections and open lines of communication with the university's administration.



GWU Black Student Union

**COME SEE US
AT THE MSSC
BLOCK PARTY!**

Sept. 15, 2020 | 12:30pm
Link is in our bio!

GW BSU Over the Years

1979

1983

1995

2006

2007

2002



BLACK PEOPLES UNION

FIRST-YEAR MEET AND GREET



THEATER organizations



The GW Theater organizations include GW Shakespeare Company, Forbidden Planet Productions, Fourteenth Grade Players, and the Generic Theater Company. In addition to traditional theater organizations, GW houses recess and [insert here] improv, sketch comedy and improv groups, respectively.

The oldest and largest of these is the Generic Theater Company. Founded in 1985, they produce a variety of shows from straight plays to musicals to the annual Freshman Showcase.

Forbidden Planet Productions is a student-run theatre organization that was created in 1994. The company is known for its production of The Rocky Horror Picture Show every Halloween and its Annual Musical Cabaret every spring.

Many of these organizations held virtual productions this year, including Fourteenth Grade Players' Animal Farm, GW Shakespeare's Trifles, and Generic Theater Company's 35mm. They also held social events throughout the year.





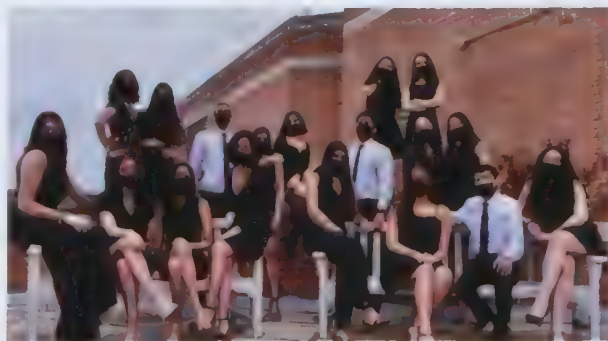
GW Dance organizations allow students to continue their love for dance by participating in various forms of dance. Some organizations are solely for recreation while others compete.

The GW Balance Dance group strives to form a welcoming and supportive community for dancers and the GW community. They promote their collective love of dance by helping students find the perfect balance between college academics and the healthy lifestyle that dance supports. Students can take hip-hop, ballet, jazz, tap, and other classes to continue their love of dance.

GW Naach is the George Washington University's only co-ed, completely recreational Bollywood fusion dance group. They incorporate a variety of dance forms including, but not limited to, Bollywood, Bharatnatyam, Kathak, salsa, and hip-hop.

Raas is a competitive Indian performing arts group, striving to promote and spread awareness of Gujarati culture by performing the traditional dances of Garba and Raas, along with school spirit.

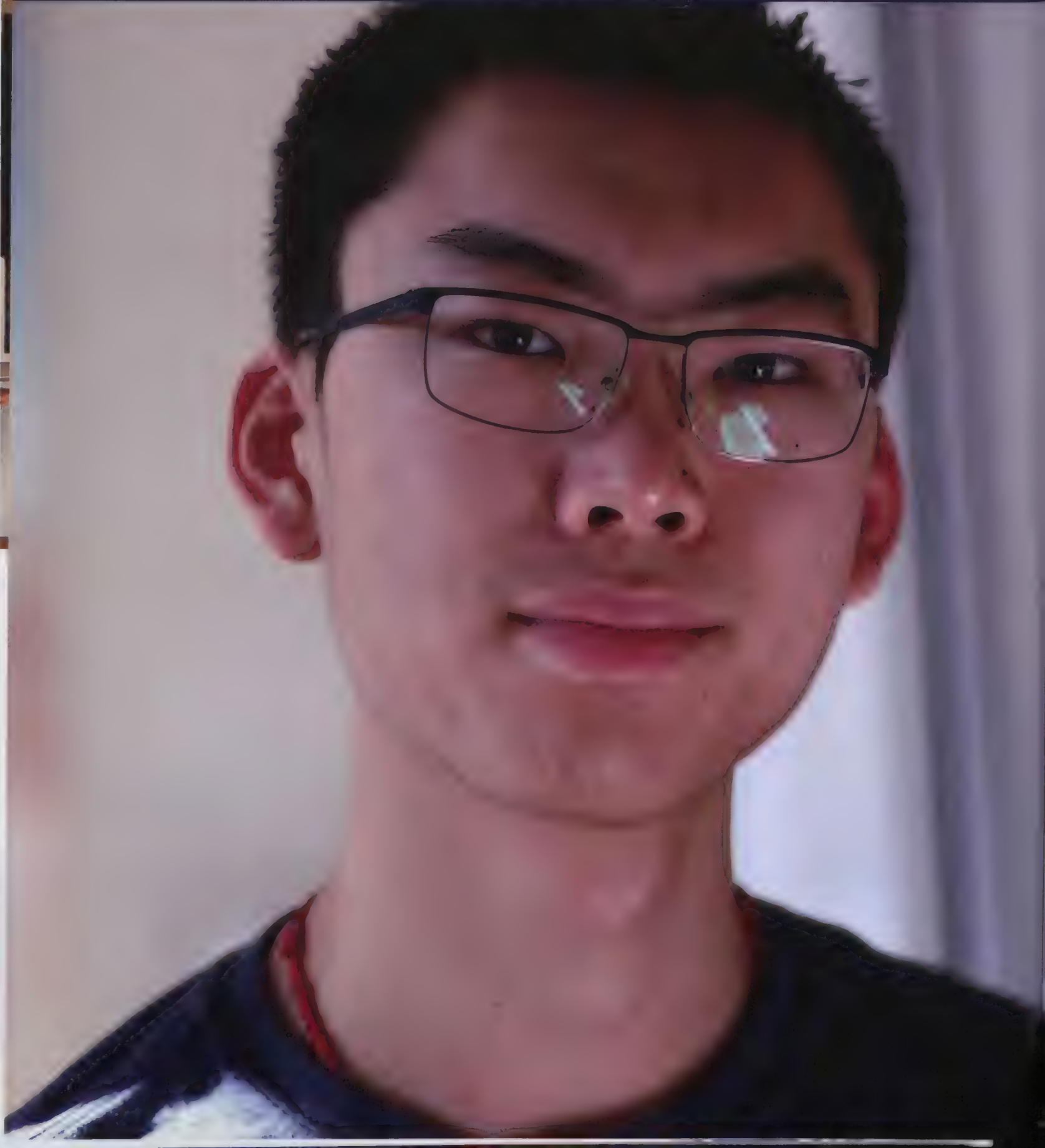
GW Dance Marathon is an organization aimed at raising money for the DC area Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, through year round fundraising, ending in a 12 hour dance marathon.



DANCE organizations

ALEXANDER YAN

student spotlight



Alexander Yan is a junior originally from Hallandale, Florida. He's a Mechanical Engineering major with an Aerospace concentration. He wanted to attend GW because of its location and opportunities, saying "the Nation's capital has no other university with a comparable engineering program. DC draws in organizations, and this leads to unique events and people I can experience and meet, especially those related to my major." Due to these things, this ultimately pulled him to becoming a GW student. Thus far at GW, Alexander is a Clark Engineering Scholar, the Project Manager for GW Design/Build/Fly, SEAS Together Committee Member and Mentor, GW SASE Vice President, GW AIAA member, and épée fencer in GW Club Fencing.

Alexander was fascinated by aircraft and how they work as a child. This led him to not only watch many airshows, but also to help his dad with aerospace projects. On top of that, he really enjoys mathematics, problem solving, and puzzles which are all very relevant in engineering. This combination of interests led him to choose mechanical engineering and aerospace engineering as his major. Alexander is planning to continue this interest by going to graduate school after his four years at GW. He feels like he's only touched the tip of the iceberg in his major and wants to learn so much more. If he doesn't go to graduate school, though, Alexander currently has an opportunity to intern at Boeing due to the GW engineering design teams and professional student orgs he's a part of, and hopes to use that as a stepping stone to working full time at the company.

Alexander's favorite part about going to GW is the ease of access to the National Monuments and Smithsonian's. At no other university could you walk to the National Mall on a whim and he loves visiting them. This, along with the variant of student orgs and close-knit nature of his classes, has led to many trips around the city with friends.

FAITH-BASED organizations



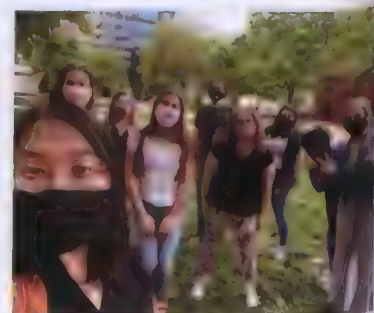
Spring Spiritual Celebration



GW is home to students of many different faiths and cultures. Our Interfaith Council contains the nearly 20 different faith-based organizations on campus. GWIC also hosts interfaith events, including the 2021 Spring Spiritual Celebration, at which participants painted flower pots. They promote awareness and appreciation of diverse religious, non-religious, spiritual, and secular beliefs and practices through education, advocacy, dialogue, and service.

Some of our faith groups include GW Catholics, GW Bahá'i club, GW Muslim Student Association, GW Hindu Students Association, GW Sikh Student Association, GW Hillel, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Agapé Campus Christian Fellowship, and many more.

Despite the Pandemic, many of these groups held virtual and hybrid events. GW HSA hosted Digital Diwali in November. GW IVFC held a pandemic anniversary fast in March. GW Hillel held Israelfest outside its new building on H Street in April. GW Catholics held bible studies, virtual dinners, and in May, put together a virtual Class of 2021 Baccalaureate Mass to celebrate their graduating seniors.





You're Invited!
November Tea Talk!

Being Asian American at a
 Predominantly White Institution

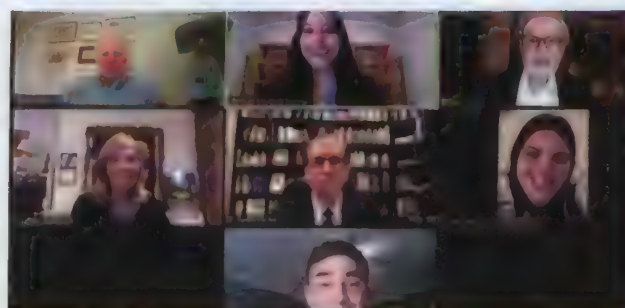
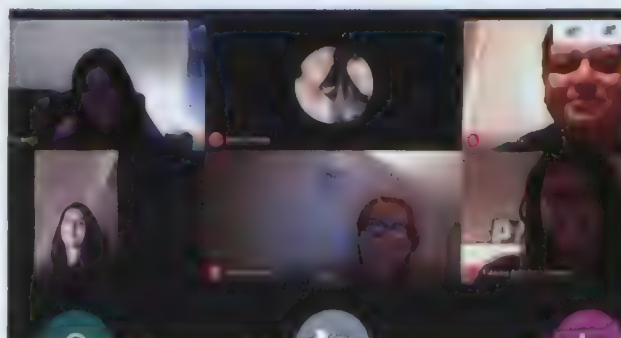
Georgetown University VSA
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 George Washington University VSA

Nov. 11, 2020
 8pm EST
 Zoom Meeting ID: 924 1248 8368

GW has many different cultural organizations dedicated to celebrating the various cultures of its students. These organizations include the Chinese Student Association, the Vietnamese Student Association, LATAM@GW, the GW International Student Association, GW Women of Color, GW Black Student Union, the Thai Student Association, the Mexican Students Association, and more!

This year, the GWU Vietnamese Student Association hosted a TeaTalk to create a safe space for open dialogue regarding thoughts on GW and Georgetown being predominantly white institutions.

LATAM@GW hosted "Integration of Hispanic Immigrants in the U.S" (top picture) in which GW Professors Acerbi, Restrepo, and Luna discussed the latino communities' integration to American culture and instances where latinos preserve their roots. LATAM@GW hosted "The Future of U.S. Latin America Relations under the Biden Administration" (picture to the left) with keynote speaker Professor Abraham Lowenthal of University of Southern California and commentator Professor Cynthia McClintock of GW for a fruitful discussion predicting relations between Latin America and the U.S. during President Biden's administration.



CULTURAL organizations

AUTUMN THOMPSON

student spotlight

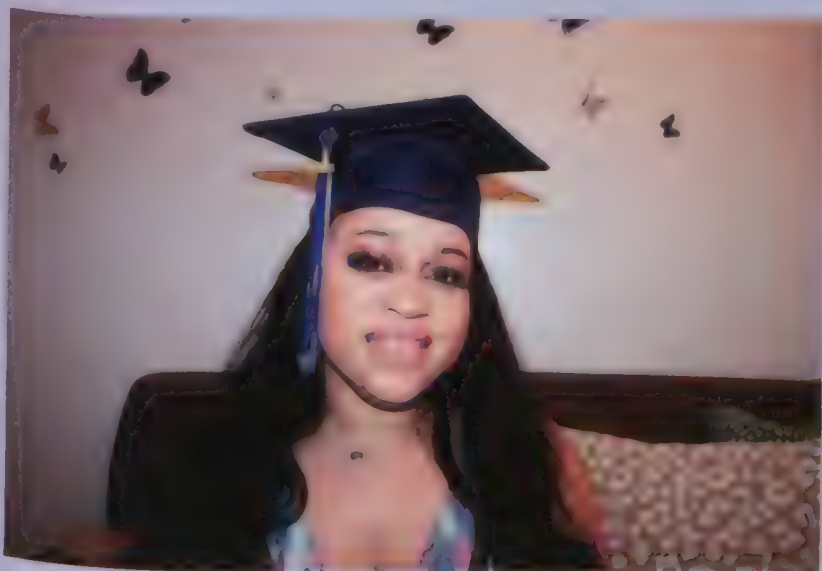


Autumn Thompson is a Political Science major from Atlanta, GA. She is a senior and is planning to stay at GW after undergrad to pursue a Master of Public Administration. She chose to come to GW because of the academic rigor and the network she would be able to build here. Autumn's main interest and passions lie in helping underserved communities.

Understanding the government, policy, and inner workings of these systems is what drew her to major in political science. Continuing this passion after her MPA, she plans to work in the public or non-profit sector to provide funding and opportunities to underserved communities.

While at GW, Autumn has been in multiple different organizations across campus. She was a member of GW Cheer her freshman and sophomore year where she served as co-chair of Community Service. In addition, in her junior year, she joined the GW Black Student Union as a Community Service Chair. She is also the current Vice President and Social Media Chair of the Black Girl Mentorship Program and a regular volunteer at Miriam's Kitchen. Autumn joined these organizations with the driving inspiration being her passion for community service - always wanting to dedicate herself and her work to others. Being in these roles has helped her better understand the needs of our communities, how she can directly enact positive change, and develop time management skills as a leader in these organizations. The passion Autumn has for volunteering does not stop within the DC area. She volunteers with Books for Africa and Meals on Wheels in Georgia, and even continued her community service during the pandemic where she provided meals for those who were affected by the pandemic.

Autumn's favorite aspect of GW is that she has met people from so many different walks of life. A favorite memory of hers is the Black Heritage Celebration, specifically Soul Revue and Finale.



Fast Facts

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Number of A Cappella Organizations on campus

1996

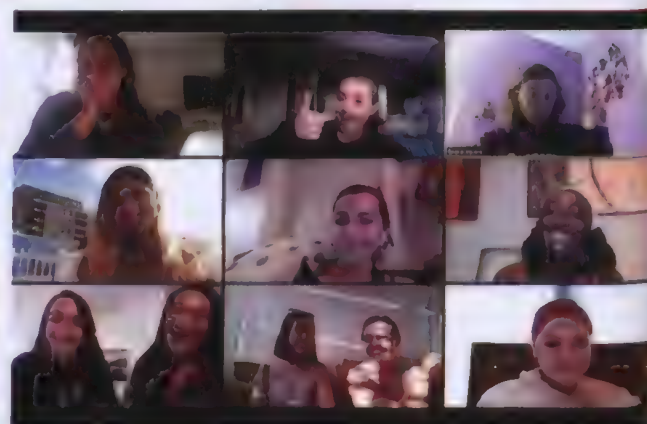
The year the GW Pitches, GW's first all-female A Cappella group, was founded

\$1500

Amount of money raised by the Battle of the A Cappellas for GW Mutual Aid

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Number of songs on GW Vibes' Vocal Distancing album



GW Vibes



Three time ICCA Semi-Finalists and back to back battle champions, The Vibes are GW's premier A Capella group. The Vibes enjoy performing for our GW community and beyond including Christmas carols at the White House and The National Anthem at the Nats Stadium. In December of 2020, GW Vibes A Capella group released an album called Vocal Distancing, featuring a variety of songs from Jon Bellion to Michael Jackson.

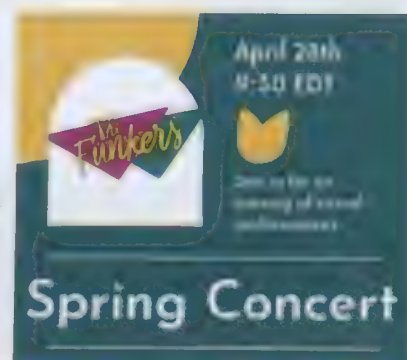
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A CAPELLA organizations

GW has many A Cappella organizations, including the Pitches, the Vibes, the Troubadours, the Sirens, the MotherFunkers, and the Sons of Pitches. The Sirens and Pitches are all-female groups, while the Sons of Pitches are all-male. The rest are co-ed. Each group participates in different concerts and events, and they also compete in a Battle of the A Cappellas at GW. These groups allow students to continue their passion for singing and even raise funds during the Battle of the A Cappellas.

In 2021, the GW Pitches won Fan Favorite, and GW Vibes received the most donations for GW Mutual Aid. Overall, the Battle of the A Cappellas raised over \$1500 for GW Mutual Aid.

During the pandemic, these organizations held virtual events and concerts to keep members and audiences engaged and entertained. The Funkers held an online spring concert and the Vibes performed virtually for the First Unitarian Church of Baltimore.



BRANDON HILL

student association spotlight



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An authorized cast bronze by The Gorham Foundry, from the original by Jean Antoine Houdon (1741-1828) which stands in the State Capital at Richmond, Virginia. It was purchased by The George Washington University in 1932 on the occasion of the George Washington Bicentennial. After standing in a number of locations on the campus, the statue found its permanent home in the University Yard and was dedicated on this spot on September 6, 1991. "George Washington" is part of The George Washington University Permanent Collection.

Brandon Hill is a rising senior majoring in Political Communications and Human Services & Social Justice from Waldorf, Maryland. He came to GW for the proximity to home and its prime location, the unique Political Communications major, and prestigious School of Media and Public Affairs. The passion for political persuasion began in Brandon's junior year of high school during AP Language and Composition. This course used political advertising and speeches as case studies for effective and ineffective political persuasion. Majoring in Political Communication provides him the chance to do this type of thought daily. In addition, he noted that "my passion for service, brought on by my mother's desire to help others, inspired my major in Human Services & Social Justice."

While at GW, not only is Brandon the president of the Student Association, but he is also actively involved in WRGW District Radio, Delta Lambda Phi Social Fraternity, and GW College Democrats. He mentioned that these experiences have "allowed me to meet some of my closest friends and find like-minded individuals passionate about the same things that I am."

Brandon has also volunteered around DC at local organizations like Little Friends for Peace and Charlie's Place.

As for the SA, he has been involved since his freshman year, first serving as a member of the student engagement committee. In this role, he worked under the director of Mount Vernon Affairs to ensure representation for Mount Vernon campus students. In his sophomore year, Brandon served as the Vice-Chair of the Governance and Nominations Committee and the Chair of the Inaugural Black Senator's Caucus. He previously served as the Executive Vice President before being elected to the presidency this spring. His proudest accomplishment in the SA is establishing the Black Senator's Caucus which led to the creation of the SA's current caucus system. In the coming year, Brandon and the SA hope to change what its advocacy looks like, play a role in the search for new university leadership, and meet the needs of the diverse student population through funding and programming.

Brandon's positions in the SA have reignited the passion he has for educational equality, specifically for students of color. He also said that "having learned more about higher education and public policy in general, I have solidified my goal of acquiring a career in education policy." Following graduation next year, he hopes to pursue teaching through Teach for America, Urban Teachers, or a graduate program centered in teaching with the goal of having direct interactions with the inequalities that he wishes to address.

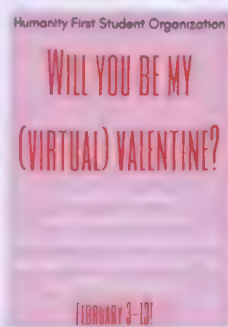
ADVOCACY & AWARENESS organizations

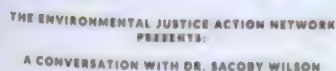


GW has many advocacy and awareness organizations to give students the platforms to speak up about things they are passionate about and to raise awareness to the various issues in the world. Some organizations include Sunrise GW, TEDxFoggyBottom, GW College Diabetes Network, Women's Network: GW, CampaignGW, and Circle K International.

CampaignGW hosted multiple different events this past year. One event was Composting 101 which spoke on how composting at home is a great way to introduce sustainable practices into your life and reduce the amount of waste you put into landfills. In partnership with Compost Crew DC, CampaignGW hosts weekly compost collections in which students in the campus area come and drop off their compostable waste every Friday from 9:30am to noon.

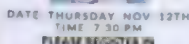
Members of Humanity First came together to design bookmarks for Little Free Libraries at the GW Campus in Ashburn, VA. Later, members came together to send Virtual Valentine's Day Cards to pediatric patients at St. Jude's, Niswonger Children's Hospital, C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, and Boston's Children's Hospital. HFSO at GWU sold virtual Valentine's day cards to celebrate the holiday, all proceeds went to the N Street Village, a women's shelter





HOW TO IMPACT THE LOCAL DC COMMUNITY IN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Dr. Wilson is an associate professor with the Maryland Institute for Applied Environmental Health and Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics in the University of Maryland, College Park School of Public Health. He has over 15 years of experience as an environmental health scientist in the areas of exposure science, environmental justice, environmental health disparities, and community-based research.



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A portrait of a man in a military uniform, wearing a sash with the colors of the Ethiopian flag (green, yellow, and red). He is looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

ALTERNATIVE INMATE PROGRAM
AT THE HUNTER WALKER
JAIL

Designing Community Development Initiatives for Success and Sustainability

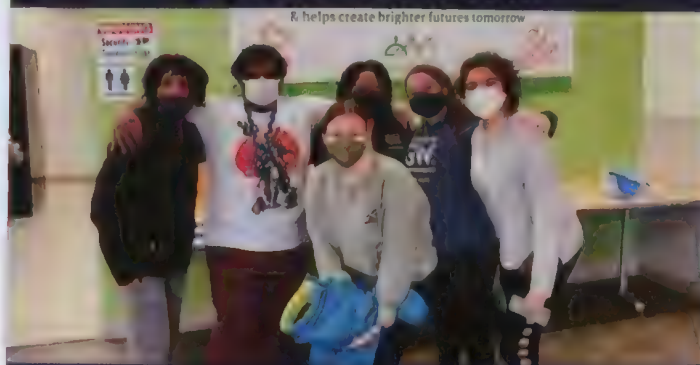
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**Environmental Justice
Action Network**

& helps create brighter futures tomorrow



Environmental Justice Action Network (EJAN) is a new organization at GW, started by students at the Milken Institute School of Public Health. The organization is made up of both graduate students and undergraduate students and the focus surrounds environmental justice, volunteering, advocacy, education, and intersectionality. The org held a number of virtual events. In the fall they had a webinar where members engaged in conversation with Dr. Sacoby Wilson about environmental justice and how to make an impact in the local DC community. They also hosted a webinar titled Environmental Justice: An Intersectional Look in 2020 where we collaborated with University of Maryland's 17 for Peace and Justice, hosting guest speakers Daniel Del Pielago of Empower DC and Rhonda Hamilton of Near Buzzard Point Resilient Action Committee.

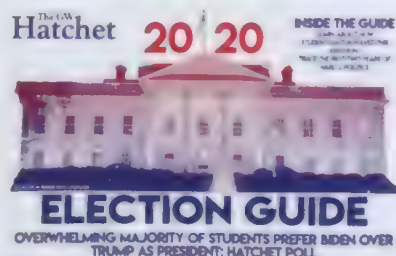


THE HATCHET

gw newspaper

The GW Hatchet is an editorially and financially independent student newspaper serving The George Washington University community in downtown Washington, D.C. First published Oct. 5, 1904, it is the second-oldest continuously published newspaper in the District, after The Washington Post. The Hatchet publishes a print edition on Monday and an email edition every Thursday during the academic year.

In 2018, the Associated Collegiate Press named The Hatchet one of the best online college newspapers in the nation. The award, called the Newspaper Pacemaker, is one of the highest marks in college journalism, which recognizes solid overall coverage, high-quality writing, in-depth reporting, strong columns, top-notch design and compelling visuals.

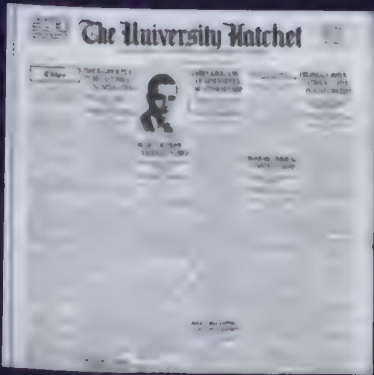


The 2020-2021 academic year brought many topics for the paper to report on. In the political sphere, The Hatchet reported on the Presidential election, the Capitol riots, Joe Biden's inauguration, and DC statehood efforts. They also reported on the student experience during COVID-19 and online education.

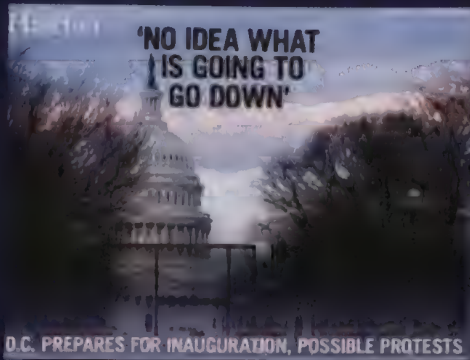


LeBlanc condemns U.S. Capitol building riot

THEN & NOW



First front page of the Hatchet to cover a presidential inauguration in 1929



Front page image in 2021 days before Joe Biden's inauguration

2021 COMMENCEMENT GUIDE



Davis-Hodgkins House

The Davis-Hodgkins House on 609 21st Street is currently home to the Hatchet. They moved their headquarters here in 2017 from their 2148 F Street location, and before that, the publication was based at 2140 G Street. Operations during this school year were virtual, however.



LEBLANC ERA NEARS END



Students advocate for D.C. statehood bill despite slim odds in Senate

By MATTHEW

A bill granting D.C. statehood and other provisions has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives, but it faces a slim chance of passing in the Senate. The bill, known as the District of Columbia Statehood Act, was introduced by Rep. Robert G. Gibbs (D-MD) on March 10, 2021. It would grant D.C. the same status as the 50 states, including the right to elect two senators and three representatives to Congress. The bill has 130 co-sponsors in the House, but it needs 60 votes to pass. In the Senate, it needs 67 votes. The bill is currently in committee, and its fate is uncertain. The Senate has a filibuster rule that requires 60 votes to bring a bill to the floor for a vote. This means that even if the bill passes the House, it may not reach the Senate floor. The House has a simple majority rule, so the bill could pass the House with a simple majority of 218 votes. However, the Senate has a filibuster rule that requires 60 votes to bring a bill to the floor for a vote. This means that even if the bill passes the House, it may not reach the Senate floor. The House has a simple majority rule, so the bill could pass the House with a simple majority of 218 votes. However, the Senate has a filibuster rule that requires 60 votes to bring a bill to the floor for a vote. This means that even if the bill passes the House, it may not reach the Senate floor.



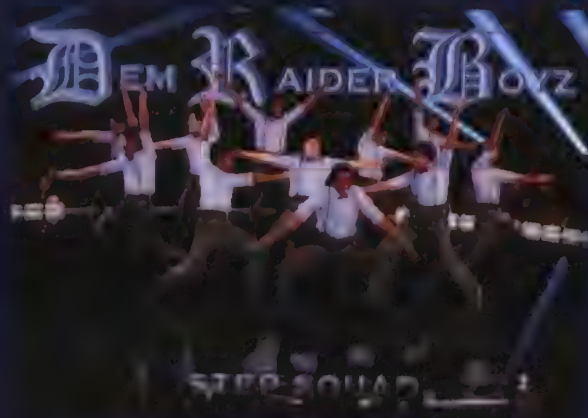


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Greek chapters often hold events for their members. In 2019, NPHC co-hosted a Step Show for the Black Heritage Celebration.



Alumni Spotlight JASON BLANK

Jason Blank graduated in 2002 with his BA in Political Science. One of the memorable parts of his time at GW was being a part of Tau Kappa Epsilon. He built a strong community between him and his fraternity brothers. In addition to being a member of TKE, he was a board member for College Democrats, involved with a Latin band called Los Gringos, and played in the band at basketball games.



NOW



Chapters were able to stay connected to their members through virtual events, such as this one, put on by Delta Lambda Phi.



Alumni Spotlight

EVELYN WHITE

Evelyn White, previous Editor-in-Chief of the Cherry Tree Yearbook, graduated in 2019 with a BBA with a concentration in Business, Economics, & Public Policy and a minor in Law & Society. Since graduation, Evelyn has attended the University of Florida Levin College to study tax law in a joint JD/LLM in taxation. She was the President of Phi Alpha Delta, the Pre-Law Fraternity and enjoyed being a member of a group with likeminded individuals who had similar career aspirations.



Multicultural Greek Council

The Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) serves as a governing board for its seven chapters: Delta Lambda Phi, Iota Nu Delta, Kappa Phi Lambda, Lambda Pi Chi, Pi Delta Psi, Sigma Lambda Upsilon, and Sigma Psi Zeta. MGC works to enhance cultural awareness and promotes the various chapters of Greek fraternities and sororities at George Washington University. The president, Jennifer Gomez, works with her staff to coordinate and promote the activities of the chapters within Greek Life and to help develop each of the chapters individually.



The council encourages communications and collaboration in the Greek Community to build stronger connections between the various different groups to make the community a stronger and more unifying campus. In this online setting, MGC continues to promote their chapters and encourage students to check out various events, including Raíces Week of Events hosted by Señoritas Latinas Unidas (Sigma Lambda Upsilon) and Lambda Theta Alpha's Cake Truffles and Love Languages.



MGC seeks to expand educational and leadership opportunities for the students belonging to its organization to create positive and well-rounded experiences for the Greek Life community and participants. Despite the virtual environment, MGC has embraced the challenge and continued to develop a diverse community of students.

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In past years, the Multicultural Greek Council has worked together to put on events for its chapters. They have hosted an Allied in Greek Week to support the LGBTQIA+ community and These Hands Don't Haze to promote positive environments for members.

Meet the MGC E-Board



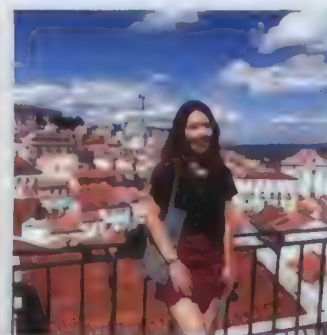
Jennifer Carbonel



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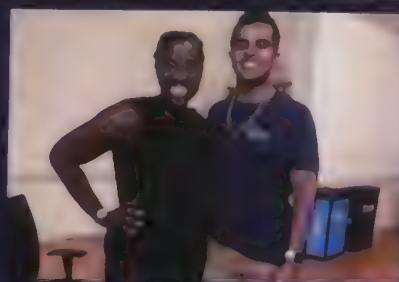
Linh McCool



Professional Development Workshops

This past spring, Lambda Pi Chi hosted a LinkedIn workshop for members. This workshop taught others how to use the platform for professional networking, finding jobs, and shared other useful tips on building a strong LinkedIn profile. The MGC, which helps to promote events, posted about it on its Instagram page.

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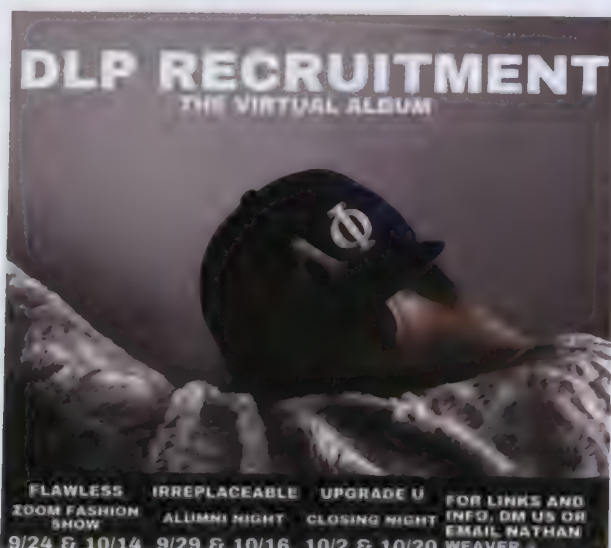


Iota Nu Delta -
2019



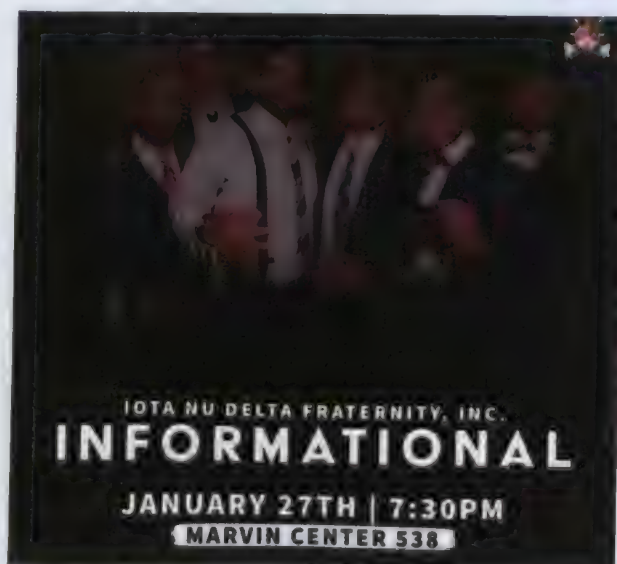
Iota Nu Delta -
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MULTICULTURAL greek council



Delta Lambda Phi

Delta Lambda Phi, rechartered in 2018, became a rapidly growing brotherhood as it became the first fraternity for queer men. President Aidan Lang and the rest of the chapter members strive to create a diverse brotherhood for its members as they host multiple different social and charity events to promote local LGBT+ non-profits in the DC area. It's mission is to emphasize diversity and inclusion. The chapter has won gold awards for service and community and bronze awards for scholarship and accountability.



Iota Nu Delta Fraternity, Inc. Theta Chapter

Iota Nu Delta Theta Chapter, founded on Sept. 13, 2003, strives to share and promote the rich and diverse culture that exists among the community. President Yash Adroja and the rest of the fraternity members work to promote an understanding of South Asian culture and to form an organization to bring South Asian men together to create a strong brotherhood that is founded on service, leadership, and greater accomplishments of life. While hosting multiple different events on campus, the fraternity has been able to share its views and values with the rest of the GW community.



Kappa Phi Lambda -
2017



Kappa Phi Lambda -
2016



Delta Lambda Phi -
2019



Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. Alpha Beta Chapter

The Kappa Phi Lambda Sorority Alpha Beta Chapter is an Asian-interest sorority that works to promote sisterhood service and cultural diversity. Since the chapter's founding in 2008, the chapter's president, Jen Huang, and members have hosted multiple events to promote their pillars and to share them with other students at GW. The chapter's creed is "sisterhood, service, and cultural diversity" and often comes in first place out of all Kappa chapters nationwide in their service hours to the greater DC community.



Phi Delta Psi Fraternity

Pi Delta Psi is a fraternity that strives to break down cultural barriers for Asians by fostering growth in various different areas of life and school. President Eric Li and the other members work to promote cultural awareness, righteousness, friendship, and loyalty as their core principles and to share them with the GW community and the surrounding areas. They promote Asian Awareness throughout the community, with goals to combat racism and discrimination.

THROWBACK



Sigma Lambda Upsilon -
2020



Sigma Lambda Upsilon -
2019

MULTICULTURAL greek council



Sigma Lambda Upsilon/Senoritas Latinas Unidas Sorority, Inc.

Sigma Lambda Upsilon/Señoritas Latinas Unidas Sorority, Inc is an organization of diverse collegiate and professional women dedicated to serving and empowering their community. Their mission includes the pursuit of academic excellence, leadership, sisterhood, cultural enrichment, and service to the community and campus. The sisters strive to prove that women of color can make a difference and hope to empower fellow Latinas. The current president is Samantha Polanco.



Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority -
2017



Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority -
2015



Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority -
2013



Sigma Lambda Upsilon -
2018



Greek Leadership Retreat -
2015



MLK Day of Service -
2015

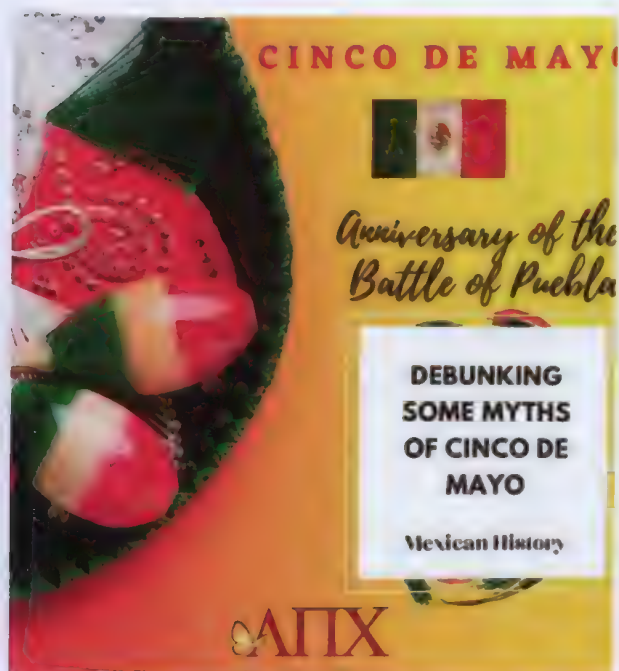
Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority

Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority is a multicultural Asian-Interested organization. Founded on the pillars of integrity, legacy, scholarship, professionalism, service, sisterhood, and community, the sorority became the first Asian-Interest Sorority to charter at GWU. President Clara Dizon and the rest of the members have created a strong sisterhood that promotes their founding values through their events and service at GW and in the surrounding DC area. They are dedicated to combatting violence against women.



Theta Chapter of Latinas Promoviendo Comunidad/Lambda Pi Chi Sorority

With roots stretching back to 1987, the Latina based sorority Lambda Pi Chi Theta Chapter has strived to promote and develop their community and create more opportunities in academic and professional fields. President Veronica Castillejo and the rest of the sorority members have worked through their multiple events on campus to promote the founding ideals and to keep the long-standing traditions strong.





NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC council

GW's National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) is composed of six chapters - three sororities and three fraternities - unified under one umbrella organization. The three sororities include Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, and Zeta Phi Beta. The fraternities include Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, and Phi Beta Sigma. Together these chapters make up a portion of the "Divine Nine," a council of historically black fraternities and sororities. Originally launched in 1930 at GW's DC neighbor, Howard University, the NPHC finally made it to GW in 2019 and celebrated its first birthday on campus this year.

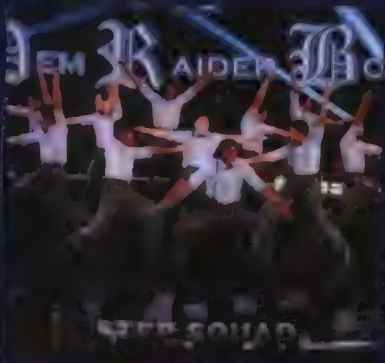


The NPHC is a respected council on every university campus. Formed to unite black students and engage in community service, the NPHC has established itself as the epitome of Fraternity & Sorority Life at GW. These Greek-letter organizations have cultivated an environment of inclusion and promoted diversity on campus and in the District as a whole.

While the NPHC focuses heavily on volunteer work, their community involvement reaches far and wide. The council has been known to host cookouts, panels, and of course their annual step show. Stepping is a unique dance that uses the entire body as an instrument to make elaborate sounds that form impressive rhythms.



THEN & NOW



In previous years, NPHC has hosted their Annual Step Show Competition on campus. This picture is of the Dem Raider Boyz from the 2019 show.



Due to COVID-19, NPHC held virtual events all year for its members. These events included Black is... Painting a Sisterhood.

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CHAPTER AWARD

This year, NPHC Chapter of the Year was awarded to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. In addition, this chapter won Best Leadership Program (Skee-Week) and the NPHC Community Award. Their hard work and dedication has been recognized and the chapter will continue to carry on the legacy of excellence.

Special Guest

Sydney McArthur

Co-Leader of
GW's Students for Indigenous and Native
American Rights (SINAR)



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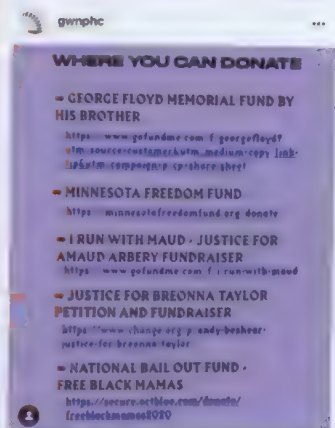
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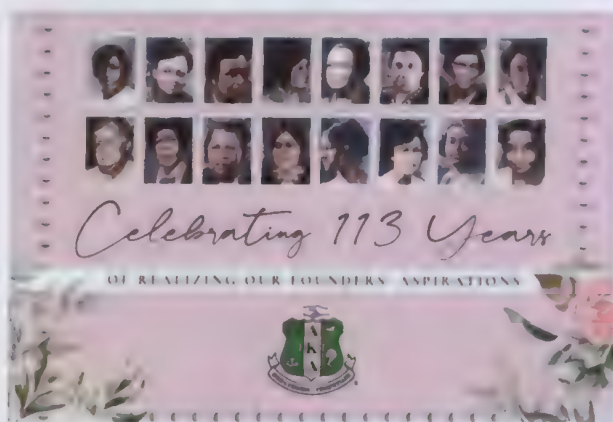
Alpha Phi Alpha -
1977



Delta Sigma Theta -
2018

National Pan-hellenic Council

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.



The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Mu Delta Chapter works hard with their president Emebte Atanaw, to encourage and promote unity and friends among college women on campus. The Sorority works to improve the social stature of women on campus and to maintain a progressive college life that will transfer into service to all of mankind. The sorority has hosted multiple events to create an open and welcoming community for the students on campus.



Alpha Phi Alpha -
2018



Alpha Kappa Alpha -
2018



Phi Beta Sigma -
2018



Phi Beta Sigma -
2018



Zeta Phi Beta -
2018



Alpha Kappa Alpha -
2018

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.



Alpha Phi Alpha is a fraternity that promotes brotherhood and academic excellence among its members, while providing service and advocacy for their communities. Owen Manning, the current president, and the rest of the members strive to develop leaders that encourage service and advocate for their communities to make them a better place for all. Through their events and activities on campus, the fraternity was able to promote their founding values and to spread them to the GW community.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



Delta Sigma Theta Mu Beta Chapter promotes their collective strength not only for personal academic excellence but also to provide assistance to people in need. This sorority's mission is commitment to the constructive development of its members and to public service with a primary focus on the Black community. Holding the strong legacy close that intertwined with the founders, president Daryl Wright and the rest of the members strive to promote these values with the activities and events that they host at GW and the surrounding DC area.

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Zeta Phi Beta -
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Alpha Kappa Alpha
2019

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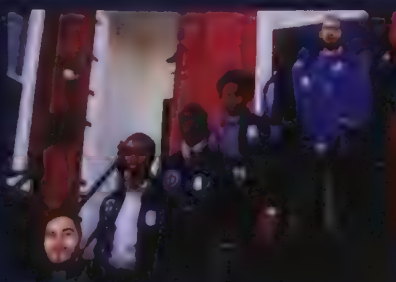
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.



Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity is dedicated to service in the DC community and promotes the fundamental purpose of achievement. President Naseem Haamid and the rest of the fraternity members bring together a group of dedicated students to work towards a common goal of helping the Black youth and stimulate them to accomplishments higher than might otherwise be realized or imagined. Its mission statement is achievement in every field of human endeavor.



Alpha Phi Alpha -
2020



Phi Beta Sigma -
2020



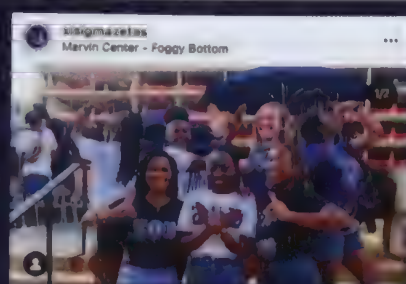
Kappa Alpha Psi -
2020



Kappa Alpha Psi -
2019



Delta Sigma Theta -
2019



Zeta Phi Beta -
2019

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.



Dedicated to their motto of "Culture for Service, Service for Humanity," Phi Beta Sigma has created a strong brotherhood of young men dedicated to their core values. It was founded to help assimilate Black brothers into the community. President Charles Aborisade and the rest of the members are committed to humanity, exhibit ethical behavior, encourage relationships with other Greek organizations, serve the community, and strengthen its brotherhood. It emphasizes bigger and better business, education, and social action in all its programs.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.



Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc works to engage students, alumnae, and the local community and has continued to do so despite the pandemic. The Xi Sigma Chapter has introduced their newest intake class through a virtual showing of their New Member Presentation in the fall. We have held informational and sisterly events bringing about awareness of domestic violence, decolonizing Thanksgiving, self-care, and more. One of our most notable events we've hosted this year was our Black is Painting a Sisterhood event, a paint night hosted by our chapter and co-sponsored by fellow Divine 9 sororities on campus and other Black femme-run organizations on campus. The current president is Grace Amponsah.

Hometown: Newton, MA
Major: Statistics
Chi Omega Position: DEI Chair

What made you join Chi O?

Although I was very skeptical of joining a sorority, I joined Chi O because it was one of the only places on campus where I felt like I could be myself. There was no pressure to act like someone I'm not to fit in and everyone I met celebrated our uniqueness.

What motivated you to become an e-board member?

I wanted to be involved as an e-board member because I realized that our chapter was doing a lot to be as inclusive as possible and I wanted to be a part of that. No chapter is perfect and I knew I could help continue the growth of Chi O as well as the Panhel community.

What about your position specifically appealed to you?

Diversity & Inclusion has always been a passion of mine. Throughout high school, I was also trying to learn more about other communities and groups of people and ways to be more accepting/taking accountability for our actions. This is the first time our chapter has had D&I chair on e-board so I wanted to take on the challenge and allow myself to educate myself further on issues within greek life and more about D&I efforts.

What makes Chi O unique?

Chi O is unique because every member is so different, yet so passionate. We are a group of positive, hardworking, and genuine people who truly want to make a difference not only within Chi O but also in the GW community. We are brought together due to our shared values but we celebrate the ways that we are all unique.

How do you see your position growing in the future?

Since this is the first time we have had D&I on e board, I know that it will continue to grow immensely in the future. No one can ever be an expert on every BIPOC's experience, every religion, LGBTQ+ issues, ableism, sexism, etc so there will always be room for growth. I see this position to be truly influential on DIL board and within greek life on campus, making strong efforts to fix the systemic issues that our community has been built on.

What is your favorite part being in this organization?

My favorite part of being a part of Chi O is being able to say that I found my space on campus. I now have so many faces I can say hi to on campus. I know that my efforts being put into this chapter will have a lasting impact and I'm grateful to be surrounded by so many passionate people who are always looking to support and encourage me.

How has being in Chi O changed your GW experience?

Chi O has changed my GW experience in such great ways. My first semester freshman year, I felt like I didn't really have a place on campus. Everyone was doing their own thing and it felt like I did not know anyone besides my close group of friends. Even after joining other clubs on campus, I still felt like I wasn't really having a "college experience"- I just felt alone. Now I know that I have 100+ people that will always have my back no matter what, that I can say hi to randomly or who I can reach out to if I ever need anything.

MARIA DINISCO

student spotlight



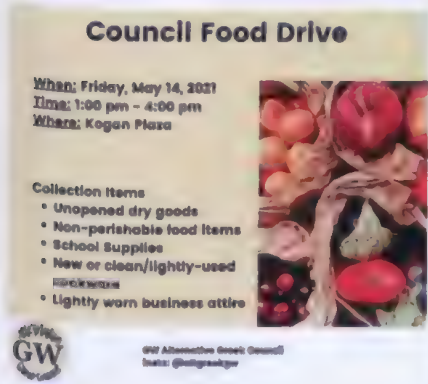
Alternative Greek Council



The Alternative Greek Council provides students with the opportunity to explore common interests, whether professional or service-based, while maintaining and developing the traditional camaraderie of standard fraternity and sorority life. Currently, the council is comprised of 14 chapters: Alpha Chi Sigma, Alpha Kappa Psi, Alpha Omega Epsilon, Alpha Phi Omega, Beta Alpha Psi, Delta Epsilon Mu, Delta Sigma Pi, Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority, Delta Phi Epsilon Fraternity, Epsilon Sigma Alpha, Kappa Pi, Nu Rho Psi, Phi Sigma Pi, and Sigma Iota Rho.

Each organization was formed on a common interest, though the interests vary greatly within the council. Many of the chapters are co-ed and are considered fraternities. Most prominently are the interest and community service fraternities. The brothers of Delta Sigma Pi work to develop the upcoming business leaders of the world through workshops and guest speakers and Phi Sigma Pi promotes service and academic excellence among their brothers.

Each chapter draws in students with a common passion, making for a diverse Alternative Greek Council. The AGC works to promote the often overlooked professional and service chapters of Greek life at the University. The council, led by President Phebe Grosser, also serves the member chapters through coordinating fundraisers and events, strengthening the bonds between members of Alternative Greek Life on campus and beyond. Without the AGC, there would be no facilitation of communication, cooperation, and collaboration within the Alternative Greek community.



ESA Event

ESA ♥'s St. Jude

No More Cancer Rally 2021

Despite being online, Epsilon Sigma Alpha was able to stay connected by hosting chapter meetings and all of the other sisterhood, leadership, and alumni events on Zoom. Sisters continued to participate in community service by choosing to take part in either online or in person socially distanced events. Their fundraising for St. Jude Research Hospital also went online with activities such as a virtual silent auction and a No More Cancer Rally. The chapter was so happy to have raised \$6,531!

FLASHBACK



In 2018 the Alternative Greek Council held Alt Greek Week, in which many of the AGC chapters participated in games and events. They had Family Feud, Minute to Win It, Truth or Consequences, and Are You Smarter Than A Fifth Grader? Each event was hosted by different chapters. DPE Sorority came in first place.

THROWBACK

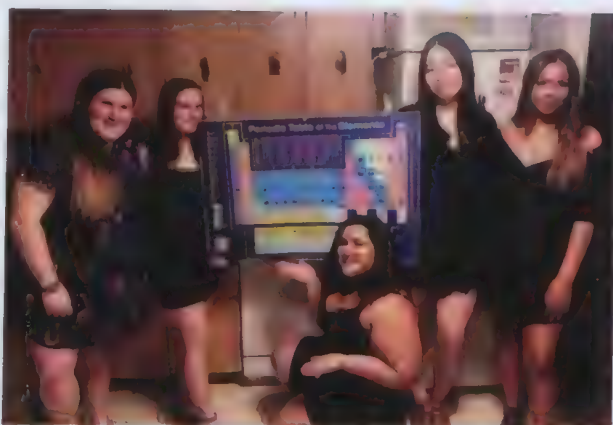


Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority -
2012



Alpha Omega Epsilon
2013

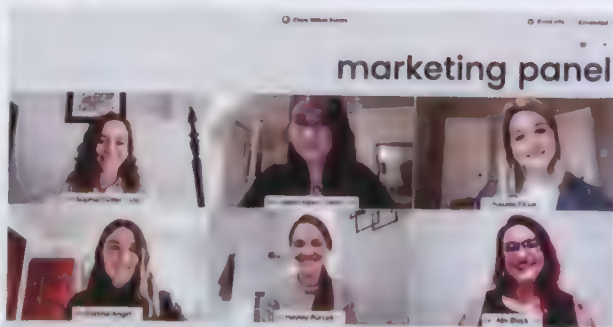
Alternative Greek Council



Alpha Chi Sigma

Alpha Chi Sigma, Alpha Pi Chapter is a professional chemistry fraternity that seeks to break students together who share a love of the sciences. President Zoe Shaw and the other fraternity members strive to promote lasting friendships, advancements of chemistry as a science and a profession, and to aid the members in achieving their goals and ambitions as chemists.

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Alpha Kappa Psi

Alpha Kappa Psi is the world's largest and oldest business fraternity that strives to build a strong community of dedicated students and advance the future business leaders of the world. It's mission is to further the welfare of its members, foster scientific research, educate the public to appreciate and demand higher ideals, and promote and advance in institutions of college rank courses leading to degrees in business administration. President Jerome Vainisi and the rest of the fraternity has worked hard with their studies and events on campus, holding the Ready, Set, Grow! Conference annually, partnering with leading companies in business related fields such as marketing, analytics, and consulting, to foster professional development and networking.



Alpha Chi Sigma -
2014



Alpha Chi Sigma -
2015



Alpha Phi Omega -
2016

Alpha Omega Epsilon

Alpha Omega Epsilon is a professional and social sorority that is composed of students that want to take part in the fields of engineering and technical sciences, founded on unity, friendship, professionalism, and tradition. While hosting multiple different professional and social events, president Julia Arnsberger and the rest of the sorority are able to promote lifelong friendships while striving for scholarship and academic achievements in their respective fields of study.

Alpha Phi Omega

Based on the principles of leadership, friendship, and service, the Alpha Phi Omega fraternity has been able to host a variety of fellowship events to grow their bonds as brothers and to promote their founding and uniting values. It is partnered with numerous service organizations around the Greater DC Area such as the DC Central Kitchen, Martha's Table, and Relay for Life. In addition, it is also committed to service with campus organizations such as GroW Garden, GW Alternative Breaks, and the Freshman Day of Service.



Beta Alpha Psi

Beta Alpha Psi is an honor society for financial information students. The society's purpose is to celebrate academic excellence, facilitate professional development, foster responsible practices, advocate for education, and shape education. Members are encouraged to be ethical, professional, and confident leaders. The rising sun emblem of the society signifies the increased importance of professional positions.



THROWBACK



Delta Sigma Pi -
2016



Epsilon Sigma Alpha
2016

Alternative Greek Council



Delta Epsilon Mu

Delta Epsilon Mu is a strong community of students who are committed to service the community through advocating health education and care through their outreach programs and fundraising. President Gianni Finizio and the rest of the members strive to unite and serve their community as a diverse and welcoming group. With a long and strong history of tradition and service, Delta Epsilon Mu focuses on continuing to help those in need no matter the circumstances.

Delta Phi Epsilon Fraternity



Founded in June 1929, the Delta Phi Epsilon Professional Foreign Service Fraternity has worked to create a brotherhood of those going in the U.S. foreign service. Its mission is to promote good fellowship and a high conception of duties of those engaged in foreign service, encourage honor and scholarship, raise standards of American citizenship, and encourage goodwill between the US and other nations. The brothers have an affiliation for international affairs and are encouraged to spend time abroad to gain a global experience. The current president is Max Kaplan.



Alpha Omega Epsilon -
2018



Phi Sigma Pi -
2018



Delta Phi Epsilon Fraternity -
2019

Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority

Delta Phi Epsilon is a foreign service sorority which strives to empower women in international affairs and promote professional growth. It was founded at GW in 2005 and welcomes a new class each spring. This organization teaches girls about economic literacy, leadership, and sexual health, in hopes of empowering them to achieve greater success. Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority has also volunteered at DC organizations such as Ronald McDonalds, Lucky Dog, and GroW Garden. Sisters of DPE have interned at many world renowned places. The current chapter president is Manush Mobarhan.



Delta Sigma Pi

Delta Sigma Pi is a co-ed professional business fraternity which encourages scholarship, social activity, affiliation among the commercial world and students of commerce, and to further a high standard of ethics in the commercial world. It is built on the four pillars of professional, service, social, and fundraising. While the chapter consists of dedicated students studying Business, Economics, and International Economics, they have brothers working towards 18 different majors and 23 minors. The current chapter president is Brooke Mcdermott.



Epsilon Sigma Alpha

Epsilon Sigma Alpha is an Alternative Greek Organization and prompts Sisterhood Through Service as their motto calls for. Zoe Ades, the president, and the rest of the members spend large amounts of hours and effort in raising money and doing community service, especially for St. Jude Children's hospital. The organization, founded in 2003, has been a rapidly growing community of women who are striving to make a difference in their community and to build a strong sisterhood with one another.



THROWBACK



Alpha Kappa Psi -
2019



Delta Epsilon Mu -
2019

Alternative Greek Council



Kappa Pi

Kappa Pi is the Corcoran School of Art and Design's gender inclusive art honor society in which students can express themselves creatively and form friendships based on their mutual passion for the arts. They consist of artists, graphic designers, and art historians and promote a safe space for artists to connect, collaborate, and sell their work. The chapter was founded in 2018 to develop a brotherhood that united like minded students who demonstrate an interest in the arts. The current president is Annie Krumholz.



Nu Rho Psi

Nu Rho Psi Honors Society consists of students who have shown academic excellence in the classroom and in the laboratory in the interdisciplinary field of neuroscience. It is a lifelong community that offers networking opportunities and collaboration of like-minded colleagues interested in the study of the brain. They held events for professional relationship building and co-hosted the GW Health Summit. The current president is Casey Waggett.



Kappa Pi -
2019



Nu Rho Psi -
2019



Sigma Iota Rho -
2019



Phi Sigma Pi

Phi Sigma Pi is the premier National Honor Fraternity that engages with the best and brightest academic students on campuses. President Brendan Lane and the rest of the chapter's members strive to enhance the college experiences of their members and to improve their abilities outside of the classroom as well as inside. The fraternity hosts multiple different events and activities for its members to create lasting memories and friendship while also promoting service and academic excellence.



Sigma Iota Rho

Sigma Iota Rho is a co-ed honors society at the Elliot School of International Affairs. It hosts a number of events at GW, inviting distinguished guest speakers and building a community of people dedicated to international affairs. Its mission is to promote and reward scholarship and service among students and practitioners of international studies, international affairs, and global students and to foster integrity and creative performance in the conduct of world affairs. The current president is Dante Schulz.

ALPHA OMEGA EPSILON

chapter spotlight

Alpha Omega Epsilon
Fall 2020 Recruitment

ALL EVENTS WILL BE VIRTUAL
ALPHA OMEGA EPSILON IS A SOCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL SORORITY
COMPOSED OF FEMALE ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL SCIENCE STUDENTS
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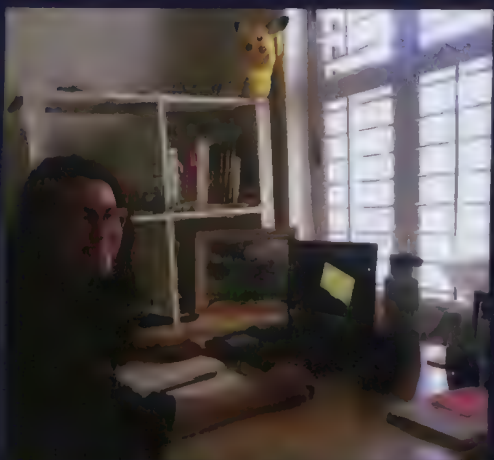
Use the QR code for links to all events! →

Event 1: Info Session
Tuesday September 8th 8:00 PM EST
Learn about our sisterhood, events, & values!

Event 2: History of Omega

Event 3: White House
Saturday September 12th 4:00 PM EST
Alumni panel on workplace & career!

Event 4: National Gallery of Art
Wednesday September 16th 6:00 PM EST
Workshop to learn painting techniques from a professional!



What is Alpha Omega Epsilon?

Alpha Omega Epsilon is a professional and social sorority made up of students in the engineering and technical sciences fields. The organization creates lifelong friendships and relationships while also striving for scholarship and academic achievement. They host social, professional, and philanthropic events that encourage members to become well-rounded engineers and scientists. The sorority is all inclusive and welcome cis women, trans women, and nonbinary people to join in the community. In most years, Alpha Omega Epsilon holds regular chapter meetings with the sisters.

What does the sorority do for recruitment?

Recruitment has taken place in both the fall and spring semesters in previous years, but this year only held a fall recruitment. During this 8+ weeks of recruitment, interested members had the chance to meet other sisters and participate in various events. These included an information session about the organization, a virtual escape room with other sisters, a workplace and career panel with alumni, major-specific discussions with sisters, and writing letters to elders across the globe.

What philanthropic events do members participate in?

In the past, members of Alpha Omega Epsilon went to volunteer at schools to teach younger children about science. They designed short lesson plans and an experiment for the students to try out themselves. This year, they have written letters to veterans and hospital workers to thank them for their service and dedication. In addition, sisters of Alpha Omega Epsilon have mentored high school students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics to encourage them to continue studying STEM subjects beyond high school.





PANHellenic council

The Panhellenic Association is comprised of ten chapters that are integral to the GW student experience. They offer communities for women to develop personally and professionally. The PHA chapters include: Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Epsilon Phi, Alpha Phi, Chi Omega, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Delta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pi Beta Phi, Sigma Delta Tau, and Sigma Kappa.

Every spring the Panhellenic Association holds formal recruitment where chapters invite new members to join their sisterhood. Once new members join the chapters, they are welcomed into a sisterhood that provides a home away from home, connections for future jobs and internships, and a support network that extends far beyond just Foggy Bottom and the sisters' four years at GW.



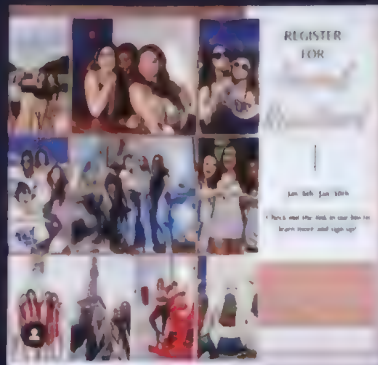
The Panhellenic Association holds Panhel wide events throughout the year that are put on by members from each chapter. These events range from tabling about anti-hazing policies to inviting speakers to speak to the women of the Panhellenic Association. Chapters also hold individual chapter events throughout the year; these events are typically sisterhood, social or philanthropic events. Each sorority brings their own unique mission, philanthropy, and cause to the Panhellenic Association community. Students join these sororities with the hopes to find a community of like minded individuals that will support them.



THEN & NOW



In previous years, sorority recruitment happened at the start of the spring semester. Students would come back early for formal recruitment.



Formal recruitment was hosted virtually through Zoom. New potential members got to know current members through four rounds of recruitment events.



At the start of the school year, the Panhellenic Association teamed up with University of Maryland's and American University's PHA to remind sisters that hazing is not tolerated within these organizations. There were resources and information on their websites about how to prevent and report hazing.



THROWBACK



Chi Omega -
2013



Sigma Kappa -
2014

Panhellenic Council

Alpha Delta Pi



Alpha Delta Pi is the oldest secret society in the world for women. Home to over 235,000 women and 153 active chapters, the sorority is built on the founding and shared principles of scholarship, leadership, sisterhood, and service to others. The sisters live by the motto "we lie for each other." Their current president, Robin Fern, and the rest of the sorority has been partnered with multiple events such as Penny Wars and Blood Drives in the past to help the greater DC area. Their symbol is the diamond, and their flower is the woodland violet.

Alpha Epsilon Phi



Promoting the vision of their Jewish founders, Alpha Epsilon Phi works to inspire and support those who are dedicated to a lifelong commitment to the sorority and the friendship that is created along the way. Throughout their activities and events, president Rachel Propis and the rest of the sorority members are able to promote these values and spread them to the GW community. Its flower is the lily and its mascot is the giraffe.



Alpha Phi -
2016



Sigma Delta Tau -
2016



Kappa Alpha Theta -
2017

Alpha Phi

Alpha Phi is a sisterhood of outstanding women who support each other in their lifelong achievements. It promotes the growth of character, unity of feeling, sisterly affection, and social communion among its members. It's philanthropy focuses on the Heart to Heart Cardiac Care organization for women's cardiac research. Sisters of Alpha Phi experience the "tie which unites a circle of friends" with both members of the Iota Iota chapter as well as members and alumni across the country. The current president is Jayda Burghardt.



Chi Omega Fraternity

As the latest women's organization in the United States, the Chi Omega Phi Alpha chapter has strived to promote the founding purposes of friendship, personal integrity, service to others, academic excellence and intellectual pursuits, community and campus involvement, and career development for young women. The current president is Jalen Jeudy and their philanthropy is focused on the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Their flower is the white carnation and their mascot is the owl.



Kappa Alpha Theta

Founded in 1870, Kappa Alpha Theta's mission is to offer its sisters the opportunity for intellectual and personal growth. Its vision is to lead its sisters to personal excellence through lifelong sisterhood. The chapter's annual philanthropy event, Day of Service, is held on its founder's birthday (Oct. 19). President Allisa Szalda and the rest of the sorority sisters promote the strong traditions that the community has as they lead other women's groups and women in higher education to create more opportunities.



THROWBACK



Kappa Kappa Gamma -
2018



Kappa Delta -
2018

Panhellenic Council



Kappa Delta

Kappa Delta is a growing sisterhood of diverse women who hold high standards in the areas of leadership, academics, and characters. President Naylei Selkis and over one hundred other women from all over the world and the United States have built a strong sisterhood for one another. They come together to create a strong foundation for each other and to promote different originations and events on campus to spread their unique ideas and values. Its mascot is the teddy bear and its flower is the white rose.



Kappa Kappa Gamma

Kappa Kappa Gamma's flower is the iris, to represent their dignity and grace. Its mascot is the owl, to represent their wisdom. Its stone is the sapphire, to embody the sisters' truth, sincerity, and constancy. It usually hosts Kappa Kickball every fall, a kickball tournament for all students and fraternities. All the proceeds go towards the benefit of the Reading is Fundamental organization. The sorority also holds the Reading is Key philanthropy event to distribute books to underprivileged children in the DC area. Its current chapter president is Clare McNabb.



Alpha Delta Pi -
2019



Pi Beta Phi -
2020



Alpha Epsilon Phi -
2020

Pi Beta Phi Fraternity

Pi Beta Phi is a diverse community of women who work together to create strong sisterhood to help their fellow women and citizens and stay true to their mission of promoting leadership and friendship, cultivating intellect and integrity, and enriching lives through service. The president, Katie Menello, and the fraternity members have worked with multiple different organizations during their time as a fraternity. One of their core aspects is supporting children's literacy with Read > Learn > Achieve and working with non profits to gain support and awareness for these topics.



Sigma Delta Tau

While promoting their motto of "One Hope of Many People," Sigma Delta Tau promotes academic achievements, leadership skills, philanthropy, and creating strong friendships among its members. They value individuality, connection, engagement, and community. President Hannah Merenstein and the rest of the members strive to spread their values to the GW community to make the world a better place.



Sigma Kappa

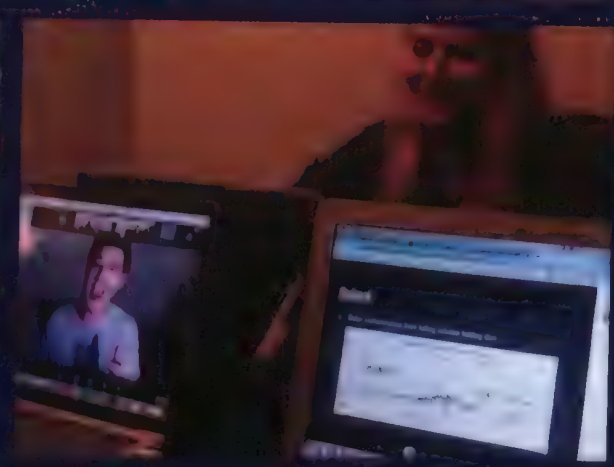
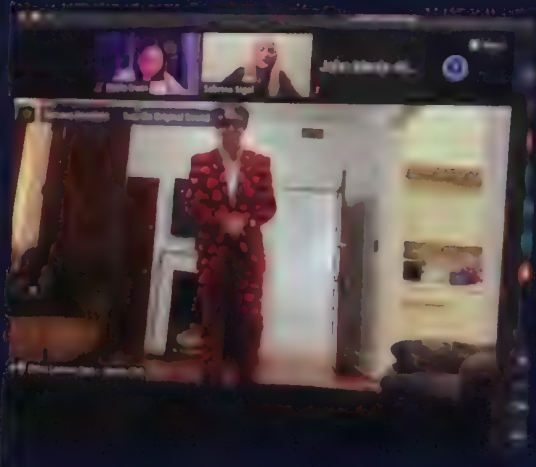
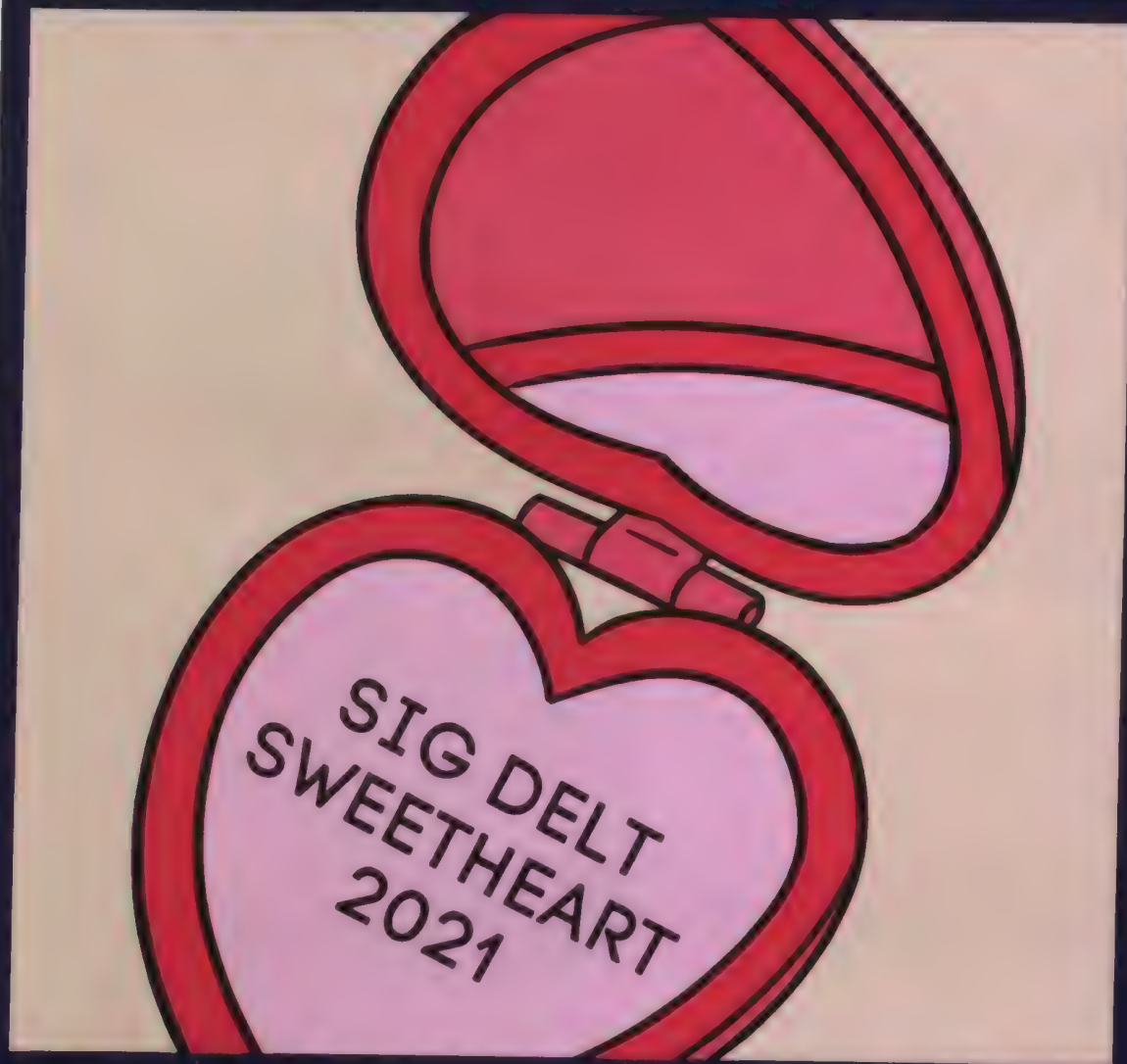
Sigma Kappa was founded at GW on February 24th, 1906. Sigma Kappa at GW supports not 1, but 5 national philanthropies: Sigma Kappa Foundation, Inherit the Earth, Gerontology, Maine Seacoast Mission, and Alzheimer's Research. It was founded with the purpose of providing women lifelong opportunities and support for social, intellectual, and spiritual development by bringing together women to positively impact our communities. The sisters' core values are personal growth, friendship, service, and loyalty. It's current chapter president is Allisa Ilacqua.



SIG DELT SWEETHEART

event spotlight

Interview with Sabrina Sigel



What was your favorite event from this year?

Sig Delt Sweetheart!

Why was it your favorite?

It's my favorite event because it brings the Greek community together. It is really fun but also raises money for two causes that are important to our chapter.

How did being virtual change the event?

Diversity & Inclusion has always been a passion of mine. Throughout high school, I was also trying to learn more about other communities and groups of people and ways to be more accepting/taking accountability for our actions. This is the first time our chapter has had D&I chair on e-board so I wanted to take on the challenge and allow myself to educate myself further on issues within greek life and more about D&I efforts.

What was the best part of the event?

We had to have the entire pageant and the fundraisers virtually. We also utilized social media more by creating an Instagram account for the event

What was your favorite memory from it?

My favorite memory was watching participants complete dares on social media in order to raise money. It was so fun seeing everyone not take themselves too seriously and have fun while raising money. Seeing the participants' baked goods was also fun but made me hungry!

How much money did you raise?

We raised almost \$5000!

Where does the money go? Who will it benefit and why did you choose them?

This money will benefit JWI and Women for Women International. JWI is an organization dedicated to ensuring that all girls and women have the fundamental right to live in a safe home, thrive in healthy relationships and realize the full potential of their personal strength. Women for Women International is dedicated to providing practical skills, knowledge and resources to women in war torn regions so she can create a better environment for herself, her family and her community. JWI is our national philanthropy and women for women is our own chapter's philanthropy. We believe and support in empowering women.

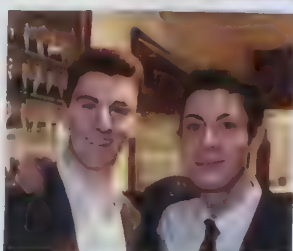


INTERFRATERNITY council

The Interfraternity Council is the umbrella organization at GW for men's social fraternities, made up of 10 chapters. Founded in 1858, the chapters are united by shared goals of friendship, development, community service, and academic excellence. The current member chapters are Alpha Sigma Phi, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Sigma Phi, Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Tau Kappa Epsilon, and Zeta Beta Tau.



These IFC chapters, while united around common values, also are very diverse and offer prospective members many options to find the right fit of brotherhood that represents their values. Hosting formal recruitment in the spring, any second semester student can participate to find their brotherhood. Once accepted into a fraternity, a new member is offered connections which last a lifetime and a chance to meet members from other IFC chapters.



The Interfraternity Council at GW represents an opportunity for those with common core values to come together and find like minded individuals. The council, consisting of an Executive Council and a board of chapter presidents, monitors all chapters to ensure emphasis on "scholarship, service, active leadership, accountability, and community."

THEN & NOW



Previously, formal recruitment has occurred throughout the Spring semester, including multiple weeks of meetings between brothers and new potential members.

FIND YOUR COMMUNITY AT GW
REGISTER FOR RUSH TODAY

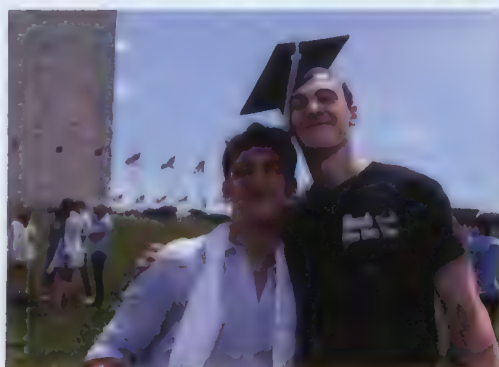


Formal recruitment took place virtually in February this year. Participants had to complete an interest form, online module, register, and attend orientation.



SIGMA CHI

The Epsilon Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity won Best Philanthropy Project this year during the Fraternity and Sorority Life Awards. In previous years, the chapter has participated in Derby Days, their philanthropy event to raise money for Huntsman Cancer Foundation.



THROWBACK



Sigma Chi -
2015



Delta Tau Delta -
2016

Interfraternity Council



Alpha Sigma Phi

Alpha Sigma Phi, which started at GWU in the spring of 2019, is a fast-growing fraternity of young men who strive to create the founding vision of the fraternity with the motto "To Better the World Through Better Men." President Will Harrison and the rest of the fraternity members encourage and promote the founding values of silence, charity, purity, honor, and patriotism with their events and activities that are hosted on campus.



Beta Theta Pi

Dating back to 1994, Beta Theta Pi has built a strong brotherhood based on the founding values of excellence, tradition, and academics. President Krupal Sharma and the rest of the fraternity members strive to live out their mission to develop "Men of Principle for a Principled Life" through their multiple activities and events on campus.



Beta Theta Pi -
2016



Delta Sigma Phi -
2017



Kappa Alpha -
2017

Delta Sigma Phi

Founded on the basis of religious and ethnic acceptance, Delta Sigma Phi works to empower and encourage the members to become better men and to support and help their communities through culture, harmony, and friendship. President Benjamin Chapman and the rest of the fraternity members work to establish these values through the multiple activities and events that have been hosted on campus and in the surrounding DC area.



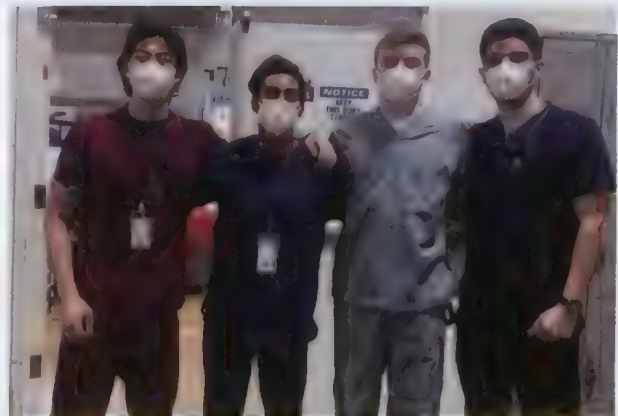
Delta Tau Delta

Dedicated to their core founding, the Delta Tau Delta fraternity is based on the values of truth, courage, faith, and power that are promoted by their President Jake Cohen and the rest of the members through the events, activities, and service at GW and in the surrounding community. They are committed to excellence, brotherhood, leadership, community, and scholarship.



Kappa Sigma

Kappa Sigma was founded in 1892 at GW. Kogan Plaza is named after Kappa Sigma's very own brother Barton H. Kogan. This fraternity helps every sorority on campus raise money, and usually holds two annual philanthropic events: Shave Away for the St. Baldrick's Foundation and Project Valor for Wounded Veterans. GW's chapter president is Rehan Hak.



THROWBACK



Sigma Alpha Epsilon -
2019



Alpha Sigma Phi -
2019

Interfraternity Council



Phi Delta Theta

Phi Delta Theta was built on three pillars that are held dearly by the members of the fraternity. The president, Daniel Piatigorshki, and the other members of the fraternity strive to promote the pillars of friendship, sound learning, and rectitude with their events and activities on campus. The fraternity has a long history dating back to 1848, and the traditions stay alive among the men of the GW chapter.



Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Sigma Alpha Epsilon strives to foster young men with leadership, scholarship, and social experiences that they need to excel once they graduate. President Miles Ogden-Powers and the rest of the members strive to become gentlemen so that they can set an example in today's society and for future generations to follow.



Phi Delta Theta -
2019



Kappa Sigma -
2020



Tau Kappa Epsilon -
2021

Sigma Chi

The Sigma Chi Fraternity was founded at GWU in 1864. The chapter strives to achieve true friendship, equal justice, and the fulfillment of learning. It fosters leadership and encourages brothers to be productive family members. It promotes lifelong learning, and focuses on the betterment of character, campus, and community. The current chapter president is Jon Shemano.



Tau Kappa Epsilon

The Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity focuses on seven principles: scholarship, character, leadership, teamwork, service, and brotherhood. It believes college is the time to grow and to show the importance of character and worth instead of wealth. It's president is Jose M. Salazar. It is partnered with St. Jude's Research Hospital to fight cancer. GW's chapter president is Chris Osborne.



Zeta Beta Tau

Zeta Beta Tau's brothers focus on intellectual awareness, social responsibility, integrity, and brotherly love. While the fraternity was founded on the basis of Judaism, it now accepts all races and religious beliefs. The chapter was founded in 1914 and the current president is David Barenboim.



THROWBACK



Phi Alpha Delta -
2018



Psi Chi -
2018

Other Academic and Service Greek Councils



Chi Sigma Iota

Chi Sigma Iota is an international honor society that focuses on academic and professional excellence in counseling. The chapter, along with the help of its president Dani Grouse, is a community for professional counselors, counselor educators, and students who contribute to the realization of a healthy society by fostering wellness and human dignity.



Delta Iota Gamma

Delta Iota Gamma is a fraternal organization for those studying the ancient world, dedicated to developing the academic skills, professional networks, and technical expertise of future archaeologists, classicists. The President, Mary Oehler, and the organization's members inform the students of GW about the archaeology programs and provide a community for students in this field.



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Phi Alpha Delta



Phi Alpha Delta is a pre-law fraternity that strives to create a community of students and teachers of the law. Fraternity leader Sarah Reichel and the rest of the members strive to advance the ideals of liberty, equal justice under the law, to encourage moral, intellectual, and cultural advancements, and to foster integrity and professional competence among the members of the fraternity.

Phi Alpha Theta

Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society is a professional society for history students at GW. The mission of Meaghan Kacmarcik, the President, and the society is to promote the study of history, by encouraging scholastic excellence, preparing members for graduate study, promoting mentor relationships with faculty, and fostering awareness of historically significant events and issues in the local area.



Pi Mu Epsilon

Pi Mu Epsilon is a national honor society whose purpose is the promotion and recognition of scholarly activity in the mathematical sciences. The organization works to establish a community of students who are interested in pursuing mathematics after college. The current president is Dounia Lazreq.



Pi Tau Sigma

Pi Tau Sigma is an academic fraternity dedicated to the top mechanical engineering students from each class year. PTS organizes and hosts networking and education events during the year for its members. In addition, the chapter attends the nationwide PTS conference each fall. The current president is Joshua Glottmann.



Psi Chi

Psi Chi is the International Honor Society in Psychology which was founded to encourage excellence in psychology. The President, Taylor Migliori, and the society's members work to advance the science of psychology among undergraduate and graduate students who maintain academic excellence. This chapter provides activities to complement and enhance the Psychology curriculum and offers practical





Athletics

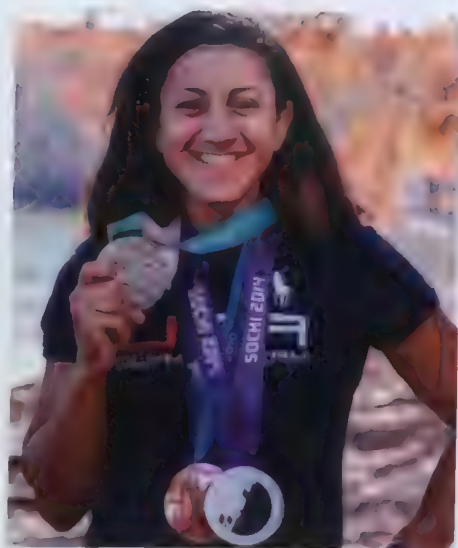
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ATHLETICS

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The athletics department brought back the social media series #RaiseHighMadness. This time the series showcased the All-Time best GW Athletic memories.



Alumni Spotlight ELANA MEYERS TAYLOR

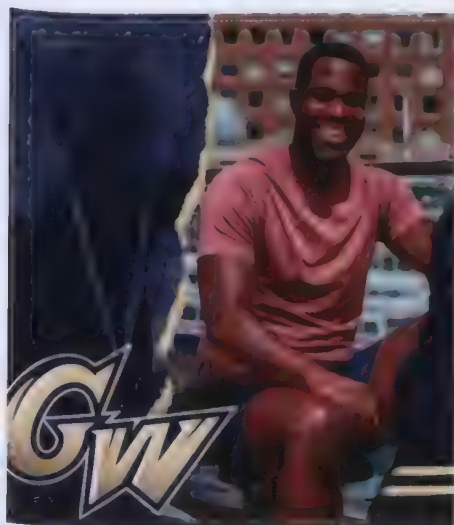
Elana Meyers Taylor graduated from GW with a B.S. in Exercise Science, an M.T.A. in Sports Management, and an honorary doctorate in public service. She played on the GW Softball team for five years. Elana has competed at the Olympics three times, in 2010, 2014, and 2018. She won a bronze medal in 2010, and a silver medal in 2014 and 2018.



NOW



GW athletes were committed to getting back to practice and competitions while keeping their teammates safe!



Alumni Spotlight

AQUIL ABDULLAH

Aquil Abdullah was a member of the GW Men's Rowing team from 1992 until 1996. While studying at GW, he majored in Physics. He has won at a Henley Royal Regatta Diamond Sculls event, a national title, and a Pan American Games silver medal. He made history as the first Black man to compete in Olympic rowing at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, where he placed sixth in double sculls.

GEORGE'S army

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, George's Army was unable to take their usual place on the sideline for GW athletics. This didn't stop them from growing their program, staying connected virtually, promoting school spirit, and supporting GW athletics. The GW spirit program as a whole held Mayhem Mondays, Buff and Blue Fridays, a mask fundraiser, giveaways, and kept students updated about guidelines at the Smith Center.

Previously known as the Colonial Army, you could find the students decked out in buff and blue or dressed up to the theme in the student section at sporting events. The university mascot, George, would be jumping around the stands in a buff and blue colonial uniform. Despite the challenges of this year, the spirit program still brought students together to cheer on the amazing work GW athletes were doing! Raise High!



THEN & NOW



GW Spirit Mask Fundraiser

Early on in the fall semester, GW Spirit, including the Cheer Team and First Ladies, put together a fundraiser to support the GW Hospital's frontline workers. They sold customized finished cloth face masks to encourage safety during the pandemic. All proceeds went to the GW Hospital to aid in the purchase of PPE for the hospital workers. The fundraiser raised over \$700 and helped students show off their GW spirit in the process!



Show Your Spirit Buff & Blue Fridays

Throughout the semester, GW Bands, the Cheer Team, and First Ladies held Buff & Blue Fridays. Each group went to their social media to post some of their favorite GW memories and encouraged students to post pictures wearing Buff & Blue. They gave out GW Adidas swag as prizes to the best posts. GW Cheer posted their school spirit by wearing Buff & Blue masks, the First Ladies showed off their team photos in front of the monuments, and GW Bands displayed their spirit with a photo of everyone's favorite Pep Band.



Charles E. Smith Athletic Center

The Charles E. Smith Center, home of the GW Department of Athletics and Recreation, was closed to fans throughout the pandemic. Instead, it became a testing site for GW COVID-19 testing until the end of September 2020 when testing moved to Shenkman Hall. In June, the university announced that the Smith Center would be open to fans and GW Spirit in the coming year. GW Bands celebrated by posting a virtual performance of the GW Fight Song while First Ladies and GW Cheer posted some of their favorite pictures of their fans.



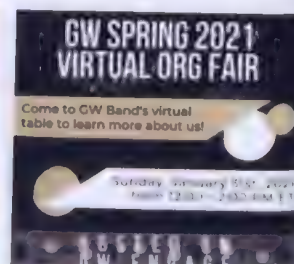
GWU bands

The George Washington University Band is a core part of school spirit and a community for many students. It consists of three instrumental ensembles: Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, and the C-Brass Pep Band. The bands put on musical performances, promote school spirit, foster friendships, and serve the community. Members do not need to have their own instrument which allows GW Band to be more inclusive. During the school year, the ensembles rehearse two times a week.

GW Band consists of two groups, the Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band which perform at a concert each semester and the C-Brass Pep Band which normally performs at every home game for the GW Basketball teams. The Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band perform classic, contemporary, and newly composed wind music. Students audition for these ensembles at the beginning of the Fall and Spring semesters.

C-Brass Pep Band work with the Music Department and Athletics to energize GW fans. They also play at A-10 Conferences and other national tournaments during March Madness.

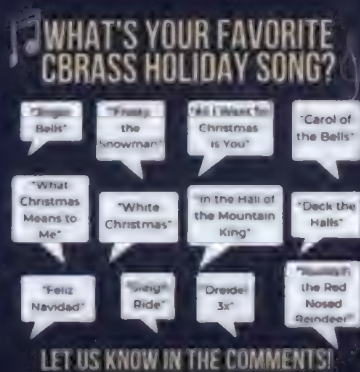
Department and Athletics to perform pop, classic rock, and They also play at A-10 Conferences and other national



Happy Holidays Favorite Song

Throughout the holiday season, @GWUBAND shared festive posts on their Instagram. They asked their followers to comment their favorite holiday

songs, from "Frosty the Snowman" to "Jingle Bells" and wished everyone a happy New Year. In addition, on Christmas, GW Bands low brass shared a video of their players performing "All I Want for Christmas is You." On New Years, the group reintroduced themselves as GW Bands to be more inclusive of the many musical ensembles to encompass the student organizations and GW musical community.



GW Bands Merch Fundraiser

GW Bands, which does not require students to own their own instruments in an effort to be as inclusive as possible, held a virtual fundraiser in the fall semester to help the

organization buy new instruments, music, and other necessities. They sold Buff & Blue C-Brass crewneck sweatshirts and University Bands long sleeve T-shirts. The merchandise was perfect for students to stay warm in the coming winter months, while also supporting GW Bands and showing off their school spirit. The fundraiser raised over \$500 that went directly towards GW Bands.



Celebrating 31 Years of C-Brass Pep Band

C-Brass Pep Band celebrated its 31st anniversary this year of supporting and cheering on GW Athletics on February 22, 2021. On their 30th Anniversary, decades of alumni came to GW to celebrate the momentous occasion. To commemorate another year, @GWBANDS posted a throwback picture on their Instagram page. The organization is excited for many more "music-filled years" to come!



CHEER

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 the Cheer team was unable to take their usual place on the sideline for GW basketball games. This didn't stop them from growing their program, staying connected as a team, promoting school spirit and supporting GW athletics. The team held virtual tryouts early in the year and added some new additions to the team that are eager to join the rest of the team on the sideline. The cheer team also held virtual practices where they could stay connected with their team over zoom, stay in shape and practice their cheers for the sideline.



The spirit program as a whole hosted Buff and Blue Fridays on social media to continue to promote school spirit even when students couldn't be physically present on campus together. They also enjoyed having viewing parties for basketball games and keeping up with the amazing work GW athletes were doing despite the challenges of this year! Raise High!



Cheer Fall Tryouts

GW Cheer, unable to hold in-person tryouts, held them virtually early in the year. Students who were hoping and eager to join the team were able to register through a link to receive a tryout packet. They then submit a tryout video to be reviewed. Results were emailed to the new members and @gwcheer welcomed the new students to the GW Cheer family.



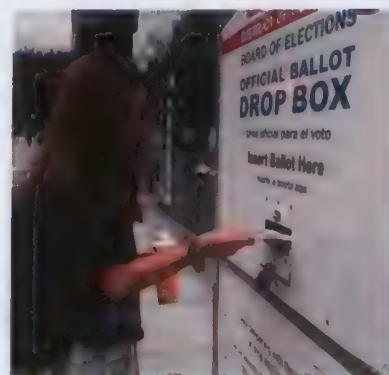
Supporting GW Lacrosse Colonial Harvest

In November, the GW Lacrosse team organized the annual Colonial Harvest to help feed families in the Washington, D.C. area. This drive collected monetary donations and utilized a safe, contactless drop-off in Foggy Bottom. The drive was very successful, yielding 40 baskets of food and an additional monetary total of \$4,000. The Cheer Team helped the Lacrosse team put together the baskets of groceries before delivering them to Saint Rita Catholic Church in Alexandria, VA. These baskets were then helping families over the Thanksgiving holiday. The remaining money went to Bread for the City, a D.C. based organization working to help low-income residents.



National Voter Registration Day

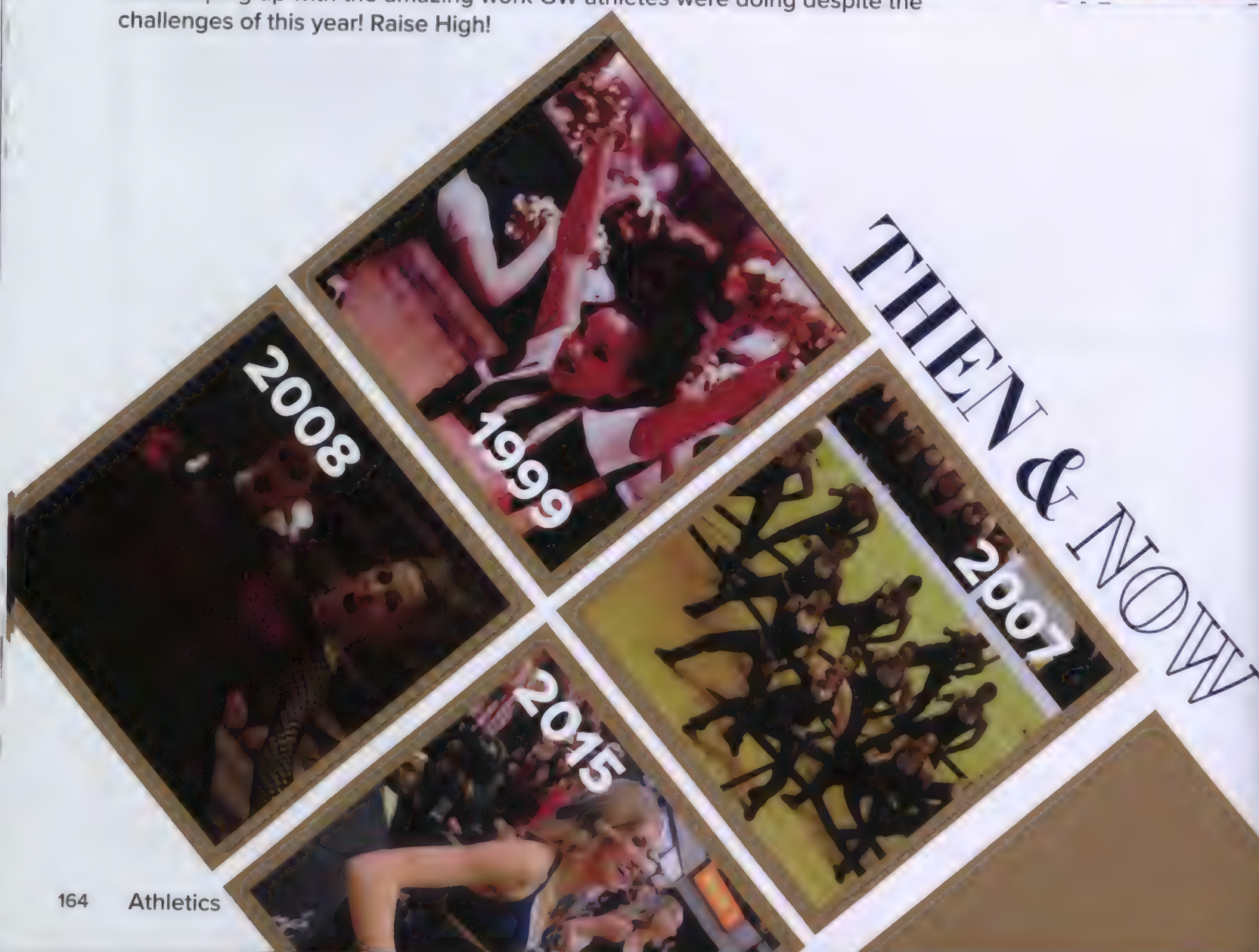
On National Voter Registration Day, GW Cheer and First Ladies posted about instructions to register to vote and some voting fun facts. Some of the fun facts include that youth voters are only seen by 8% of political party chairs as being the most important voter demographic; only about 13% of college students said the reason they didn't vote in an election was because they were not interested; and in 2008, of the 18-24 year old college students that registered to vote, 87% actually voted. On Election Day, the team encouraged students to go out and cast their ballots.



FIRST LADIES dance team

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 the First Ladies dance team was unable to take their usual place on the sideline for GW basketball games. This didn't stop them from growing their program, staying connected as a team, promoting school spirit and supporting GW athletics. The team held virtual tryouts early in the year and added some new additions to the team that are eager to join the rest of the team on the sideline. The First Ladies also held virtual practices where they could stay connected with their team over zoom, stay in shape and perfect their dances for the sideline.

The spirit program as a whole hosted Buff and Blue Fridays on social media to continue to promote school spirit even when students couldn't be physically present on campus together. They also enjoyed having viewing parties for basketball games and keeping up with the amazing work GW athletes were doing despite the challenges of this year! Raise High!



International Women's Day Fundraiser

International Women's Day, March 8th, is a day to celebrate the achievements of women and advocate for further change. In an effort to raise money for Women's Aid, a national non-profit organization working to end domestic abuse against women and children, the First Ladies Dance Team held a fundraiser. All proceeds would go towards this charity and their cause. In the caption of their social media post, the team gave thanks to "a talented and supportive group of girls to help us #RaiseHigh."



A10 Championships March Madness

During the season, the First Ladies Dance Team performed virtually with GW Cheer to continue supporting and cheering on the GW Athletics teams. During March Madness, the First Ladies shared numerous posts on their social media platforms to encourage students to tune in and watch the Men's and Women's basketball teams play in the Atlantic-10 Championships. Go GDUB!



GW First Ladies Tryouts

The First Ladies, unable to hold in-person tryouts, held them virtually early in the year. Students who were hoping and eager to join the team registered online and were able to ask questions about requirements and the team through email. To tryout, the student had to submit a short dance team routine and showcase six technical skills. Leading up to the submission deadline, @gw_firstladies counted down the days by posting photos and clips of the team's routines, cheering, and dances.



women's SOCCER

Season Highlights:

6-4-1 (W, L, T)

Natalie Silberman earned Atlantic 10 Second Team All Conference recognition in her senior season.

Tori Minda earns Offensive Player of the Week and Tamaki Machi earns Defensive Player of the Week after two A-10 victories.

The most goals scored in a single game was 7 during a match against Delaware State University.



ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Emily Schmid

Senior, Major: Business Analytics and Accounting

Hometown: West Windsor, NJ

Position: Outside Back

What is your favorite memory from being on your sports team at GW? Making it to the A10 Championship last season in St. Louis.

How has being a part of GW athletics contributed or changed your experience at GW? GW athletics has led me to grow both as a soccer player and as a person. I have spent countless hours on the field getting better every day with each of my teammates, which has allowed me to learn a lot about myself along the way.

How did you get started doing your sport? I always loved being outside and running around as a kid, so sports in general came pretty naturally to me. I started to focus more on soccer in middle school and began traveling out-of-state for tournaments. I knew shortly thereafter I wanted to play soccer in college and gratefully ended up playing at the Division I level at GW!

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Erica Lorenzana

Junior, Major: Political Science with a minor in Psychology

Hometown: Manhasset Hills, NY

Position: Goal Keeper

What is your favorite memory from being on your sports team at GW? There are so many memories, both big and small, that I am extremely grateful to have been apart of with GWWS. My favorite memory so far has to be when my teammates and I won the semi-final A10 game in Saint Louis. I remember the buzz of excitement, screaming, and dancing all around me from my teammates, coaches, and even some parents that flew to St. Louis to support our team! I was so proud of my entire team, and was, and still am, extremely hopeful for great success for our program in the future.

Who is your role model? My grandmother will always be my greatest role model. She taught me how to love unconditionally, and the power of love, kindness, and strength. I like to think that the lessons my grandmother has taught me shape the type of teammate I am today.

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Hannah Zaluski

Junior, Major: Psychology

Hometown: Chagrin Falls, OH

Position: Defense

What is your favorite memory from being on your sports team at GW? Making it to the conference final in 2019 for the program's first time in 22 years!

Who is your role model? One of my role models is USWNT player Crystal Dunn. She plays the same position as me and her resilience in the face of adversity has been inspiring. When she was cut from the 2015 World Cup roster, she used that as a motivator to work harder instead of giving up, and eventually worked her way to being a top player on the team and a part of the 2019 World Cup win.

men's SOCCER

Season Highlights:

5-3-2 (W,L,T)

GW Men's Soccer clenched a spot in the Atlantic 10 Championship finals, the first time vying for the title since 2011. But, unfortunately lost in a close 2-0 game against Fordham at Baujan Field.

The team scored 4 goals against Davidson, the most goals scored in a single game this year.

Oscar Haynes Brown was named to an All Atlantic 10 First Team as a forward and Justin Grady earned a spot on the All-Conference Second Team as a goalkeeper.

Sandro Weber and Tom Cooklin

achieved the honor of A-10 All-Academic Team.



ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Matthew Brummet

Senior, Major: Organizational Sciences with a minor in Nutrition

Hometown: Baltimore, MD

Position: Midfielder/Forward

What is your favorite memory from being on your sports team at GW? My favorite memory from being on the soccer team is traveling to Portland. It

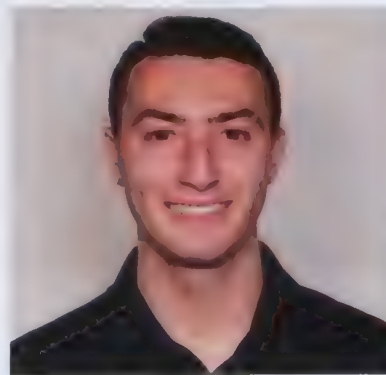
was a great experience playing against a nationally ranked team as well as being able to explore the city and go to an MLS game with my team.

How did you get started doing your sport? I started playing soccer when I was three years old, and it has been a part of my life ever since.

How has COVID-19 affected your experience as a student-athlete? Obviously COVID-19 has impacted our season and how we would normally interact as a team, but I'm extremely grateful towards my coaches and the athletic department for their continued support, determination and willingness to create an environment in which we can all still train and compete in games this spring.

Who is your role model? I have two role models: First, my soccer role model is David Beckham. He has always been an inspiration to me because we play the same position. His professionalism and work rate is second to none and pushes me to be better each day. But, the most important role models in my life are my parents. Both of them have supported me and taught me what it means to be determined, humble and how to work hard to be successful. Without them, I wouldn't be here today.

What are your plans after college? After college, I have aspirations to fulfill my dream of playing professional soccer, but I also want to become a coach and be a role model for others.



ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Alhaji Turay

Junior, Major: Double Major in International Affairs and Finance

Hometown: Olney, MD

Position: Midfielder

How has being a part of GW athletics contributed or changed your

experience at GW? Being a part of GW Athletics has completely enhanced my experience at GW. The people that I have met, not only on my team, but

also all around the athletic department have been phenomenal people. GW Athletics has provided me with a very inclusive community that I am very grateful to be a part of. I have no idea what my life at GW would be like if I was not an athlete, and I would have never met the people I have.

How has COVID-19 affected your experience as a student-athlete? COVID-19 has caused me to become very patient and grateful. Nothing can be normal during these times, and as a student athlete, I have had to accept that some practices and games will be canceled, but I still have to be patient and understand that this is all due to safety concerns. However, it has allowed me to take advantage of all the free time and focus on my own weaknesses while also polishing my strengths on the field. It is always good to look at the bright side of things, and the time that I have had to train by myself since the beginning of the pandemic has allowed me to become a better player.

Who is your role model? My role models are my parents. They are the most hard-working people in my life, and they have sacrificed so much for my two brothers and I to live the life that we live today. Without them, I have no idea where I would be, and I will forever be grateful to be their son.



women's VOLLEYBALL

Season Highlights:

1-9 (W,L)

Bella Bowman, junior, crossed the 1000-dig threshold for her career during a match against La Salle.

Women's Volleyball beat Howard in its home opener at GW, coming back to win the match after losing the first two sets.



ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Paz Dozie-Nnamah

Junior, Major: Psychology with a Pre-Med Concentration

Hometown: Murfreesboro, TN

Position: Outside Hitter

What is your favorite memory from being on your sports team at GW? My favorite memory has to be the pre-game locker-room parties we would have that would have us tired and sweaty before we'd even step on the court.

How has COVID-19 affected your experience as a student athlete? COVID-19 has really tested my patience, like it has for anyone. My mindset is that I get to test myself to see how much my team and I can achieve with all the limitations, hardships, and disappointments that this pandemic has placed on us. This has been in arguably the most difficult collegiate season in sports history.

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Melody Williams

Junior, Major: BS in Marketing

Hometown: Long Island, NY

Position: Middle Blocker

What is your favorite memory from being on your sports team at GW? My favorite moments with my volleyball team are always the quality time I spend with them. We really emphasize building relationships with each other that are more than being just a teammate. I know I have found lifelong friends. We have shared too many great moments together that are usually centered around us laughing hysterically no matter where we are. My second favorite memory was qualifying and making it to the A10 Tournament my sophomore season.

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Heather Merryman

Junior, Major: Biology

Hometown: Fairfax, VA

Position: Setter

What is your favorite memory from being on your sports team at GW? My favorite memory of playing at GW was my first time playing in a collegiate match as a setter during my freshman year where I was able to start and play a 5-1 rotation. We played against the University of Rhode Island where we won in 3 sets and played one of our best games of the season.

How has COVID-19 affected your experience as a student athlete? COVID has affected my experience as a student athlete by limiting our games, competition season, and ability to spend time together comfortably as a team. However, as an athlete I was able to still come back to campus last semester to train with my team while other students were unable to return to campus.

men's WATER POLO

Season Highlights:

1-4 (W,L)

Andras Levai and Viktor Jovanovic earned All-Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference First Team and Second Team honors, respectively, following their abbreviated winter 2021 season.

The team made it to the Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Championship semifinals for the fifth straight season.

Luca Castorina earned MAWPC Defensive Player of the Week after his performance against Navy.



THEN & NOW



ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Gabriele Simonti

Senior, Major: Psychology

Hometown: Florence, Italy

What is your favorite memory from being on your sports team at GW? My favorite memory is going to watch the games of all the other teams and loudly cheering for them, and having fun with my team at the events organized by GW, such as the Georgey Awards.

How has being a part of GW athletics contributed or changed your experience at GW? Being part of a team at GW allowed me to make many friends quickly, and integrating in the athletic community helped me overcome problems and issues that an international student usually experiences in a new country.

How did you get started doing your sport? I started playing water polo when I was 5 years old, because I loved being in the water, but I wanted to play with a ball, so it was a better option than swimming for me.

How has COVID-19 affected your experience as a student-athlete? Unfortunately, with COVID-19, I missed the opportunity to experience the real campus life and missing all the events with the team was really disappointing, but my teammates and I have done the best we can to make the best of a difficult situation.

What are your plans after college? I will pursue a master's in Sport Psychology and hopefully one day, I will help athletes with their mental skills!



ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Henry Maas

Junior, Major: Accounting

Hometown: San Anselmo, Calif.

Position: Attacker

What is your favorite memory from being on your sports team at GW? My favorite moment was my freshman year beating Princeton in overtime to secure our position in the 2018 NCAA quarterfinals.

How has being a part of GW athletics contributed or changed your experience at GW? GW Athletics has surrounded me with other dedicated individuals who have pushed and challenged me to always work harder.

How did you get started doing your sport? I got into water polo by attending a spring break camp with some of my friends when I was young and have loved it ever since.

How has COVID-19 affected your experience as a student-athlete? It has been hard not being able to compete against a variety of teams across several months. During a season, you normally have the opportunity to improve and grow, and I feel like it has been difficult to do that during this unprecedented time.

Who is your role model? My role model is Matt Swanson. He was my coach from second grade until I graduated high school. He instilled in me a work ethic of giving everything you do 100%, regardless of how menial it may seem.

What are your plans after college? After college, I plan to enter the workforce, however with COVID-19 allowing another year of eligibility I may continue my water polo career through graduate school.



SAILING

Season Highlights:

GW Sailing had a 14th place finish at the Women's National Championships.

Chiara Perotti Correa and Allison Forsyth finished 8th in A Division.

The team finished fifth overall at the MAISA Team Race Championships hosted by Old Dominion.



THEN & NOW



ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Cameron Feves

Junior

Major: Accounting

Hometown: Long Beach, California

Position: Skipper (drives the boat)

What is your favorite memory from being on your sports team at GW?

My favorite memory is of the Boston Challenge Cup hosted by Harvard during spring 2019. It was fun to go on a long road-trip with teammates to Boston and it was a great learning experience on the water.

How has being a part of GW athletics contributed or changed your experience at GW?

GW Sailing and GW Athletics has been a huge part of my GW experience overall, the most recognizable contribution to my experience is the automatic social group we all get as freshmen. Having friends right away is a huge advantage, especially with the Sailing team's large class of 2019, giving my class a diverse group of leaders and mentors who taught us so much.

How did you get started doing your sport?

My dad learned how to sail through a college class for PE credit, and when I was born he bought us a small two person boat that we took out on the weekends.

How has COVID-19 affected your experience as a student-athlete?

COVID-19 has been a huge factor in my experience as a student athlete. I tried to think about a positive spin on it but honestly it just feels like COVID-19 has taken away two of my years of college experience and competition that I'll never get back, which is really disappointing and sad.

Who is your role model?

Right now I am most inspired by Justin Williams (cyclist). Justin is a pro athlete who has started his own cycling team to move the sport towards diversity. He is unapologetically himself and extremely passionate about diversity in sports.

What are your plans after college?

I don't know yet what my plans will be after college, since I am a rising Senior, but I plan to pursue a career in Management Consulting or Accounting.

women's TENNIS

Season Highlights:

10-6 (W,L as of the end of the school year, however the season was still unfinished)

Women's Tennis advanced all the way to the A-10 Semifinals in Orlando, coming in at number 4 in the conference.

Alexis Nelson and Lindsay Thompson were GW's best doubles pair of the season with eight wins.

Alexis Nelson and first year, Stella Wisemann, led GW in the singles with nine wins each this season.



ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Alexandra Vesikallio

Junior, Major: International Affairs with a concentration in Economics

Hometown: Cleveland, OH

What is your favorite memory from being on your sports team at GW? My favorite memory from being on the women's tennis team at GW is traveling to North Carolina last fall for a tournament. We had a great weekend of matches as a team and got to enjoy the beach together after the matches!

How did you get started doing your sport? How I got started playing tennis is through my Dad. He played tennis for Michigan State so he coached me growing up. My brother also plays tennis so we always play together!

How has COVID-19 affected your experience as a student-athlete? COVID-19 has affected my experience as a student athlete obviously by cutting last spring season short, and not being on campus last semester. It was disappointing not being able to finish the season or compete last fall, but I am looking forward to hopefully playing a lot of matches this coming spring season and am thankful that we get to be back on campus this semester!

Who is your role model? My role models are definitely my parents. They have done everything to get me to where I am today and I don't know where I would be without them. They are the most hard working and supportive people I know, and are definitely where I have gotten my hard work and dedication on the court and in academics.

What are your plans after college? My plans after college are to attend graduate school. I would like to get my master's degree in Economics.

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Luciana Kunkel

Sophomore, Major: Psychology

Hometown: Melbourne, Australia

Position: Forward

What is your favorite memory from being on your sports team at GW? My freshman year, we went to North Carolina in the fall. The whole team stayed with host families and went to the beach. It was a really great experience coming onto the team.

How has being a part of GW athletics contributed or changed your experience at GW?

Being on an athletics team at GW has had such a positive impact on my experience at college. Having a team by your side is such an amazing experience. Our team is a very close knit team and they have made my college experience.

How has COVID-19 affected your experience as a student-athlete? It was quite a difficult year with COVID. Our season was shortened and we all went straight into lockdown. I was limited on the amount of tennis I played. We could not come back to GW in the fall, so some of my teammates and I went to Florida to train. This was a great experience for us as a team and it was fantastic we were able to do something together this fall.

Who is your role model? My role model is my mum. I look up to her in everything I do in life. We are quite similar people and I could not have been successful in my journey without her help. My mum is truly my role model in every aspect of life.

men's TENNIS

All- Time Highlights:

Since 1978 GW Men's Tennis has earned 25 top three finishes at the A-10 Championships, six of which were first, and won eight times between 1956 and 1964 in the Southern Conference Championships.

Athletes have been named to an A-10 All Conference Team 75 times and an A-10 All Academic Team 29 times.

Members from the Men's Tennis team have won an Individual A-10 Championship 21 times.

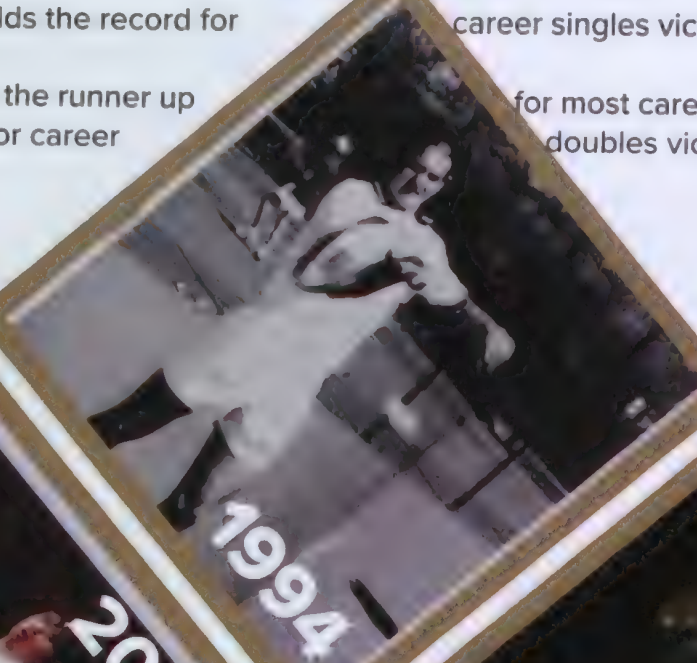
The team went to the NCAA Championships in 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, and 2016.

In 2013, the team was ranked 73rd at the end of the season. At the end of 2014, the team was 53rd in the nation.

Francisco Diaz holds the record for career singles victories with 87.

David Haggerty is the runner up for most career singles victories with 84, but also holds the record for career doubles victories with 98.

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ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Jakub Behun



Graduate Student

Major: Finance & Business Analytics

Hometown: Bratislava, Slovakia

What is your favorite memory from being on your sports team at GW?

Competing side-by-side with my teammates.

How has being a part of GW athletics contributed or changed your experience at GW?

My teammates have become my second family, people that I can always rely on, and that made my GW experience a good one.

How did you get started doing your sport?

I started playing tennis when I was seven years old with a couple of my childhood friends in a small tennis club in Slovakia. It wasn't until I was 14 years old that I realized that I could play on a Division I level after graduating high school.

How has COVID-19 affected your experience as a student-athlete?

Similar to some of the other college programs, our practices and matches got canceled and my teammates and I returned to our home countries and stayed in touch virtually.

Who is your role model?

I have many role models but at the beginning of my college career at GW, my role models were the upperclassmen who excelled on and off the tennis court.

What are your plans after college?

After graduating from GW I'll be joining Mizuho Securities as an Investment Banking Analyst in their NYC office.

men's GOLF

Season Highlights:

GW Golf finished sixth overall at the Atlantic 10 Tournament in Orlando, FL.

During the A10 Conference, the golf team pulled up two spots in the final round by golfing four-over-par 292 in the final round.

The team finished 4th at Golden Horseshoe Intercollegiate hosted by William & Mary.

Ty Sullivan tied for 11th on the overall leaderboard with a four-over-par 220.

Luis Preciado finished tied for 18th by shooting a one-under-par 71 in the third and final found.



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ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Clifford Thompson

Senior

Major: Accounting with a minor in Economics

Hometown: Broederstroom, South Africa

What is your favorite memory from being on your sports team at GW? When we won the A10 Matchplay Tournament in Florida in 2019. Also at the same tournament, we went to a restaurant where the general manager looked just like our assistant coach at the time, we couldn't stop laughing.

How has being a part of GW athletics contributed or changed your experience at GW?

Firstly, being a part of the athletics department has led to me traveling to more states than most American people. Secondly, having my teammates reach out to me after I was confirmed to come to GW really helped me to get over my anxiety of living in a country that I had never been to before. Lastly, the relationships and bonds that I have made with my teammates and many other students will last me a lifetime, and without GW athletics, I wouldn't have been able to be a part of this prestigious school and ultimately foster these relationships.

How has COVID-19 affected your experience as a student-athlete? The whole team decided to opt out during the fall semester due to multiple uncertainties and health risks. Besides that and a few required actions in order to perform this semester, my experience has been fairly similar. I guess the only thing I really miss is training table, but it's something to look forward to next semester.

What are your plans after college? I plan to get my CPA after my masters degree in 2022. Then hopefully get a job as an Auditor or a Financial Consultant in the U.S.

women's CROSS COUNTRY & TRACK AND FIELD

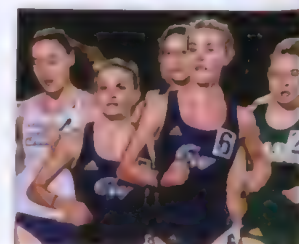
Season Highlights:

Kathryn Nohilly broke the 3000m Steeplechase and Women's 1500m Run records with times of 10:23.74 and 4:28.83, respectively, this spring. She also earned the 7th fastest time for a 5k with a time of 17:56.6

Brittany Wilkinson broke the school record for Women's 400m Dash and Women's 800m Run with times of 59.85 and 2:13.79, respectively.

Margaret Coogan and Peri Pavicic earned second and ninth, respectively, on the All-Time Performance List (5K) with times of 17:26.5 and 18:09.0.

Women's XC placed third in the A-10 Championships, marking the second straight top-three finishes at the conference meet.



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2006

1994

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ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Margaret Coogan



Senior, Major: Exercise Science

Hometown: Exeter, NH

2020-21 Season Stats:

Cross Country

2/5 - Richmond Invite (5K): 18:13.0, 6th place

2/20 - Spider Patriot Classic (5K): 17:26.5, 9th place

3/5 - Atlantic 10 Championship (5K): 17:35.6, 5th place

Outdoor Track

Top Performances

Atlantic 10 Championship - 1500m - 4:30.09

Charm City Last Chance - 3000m Steeplechase - 10:19.67 (GW Record)

Mason Spring Invitational - 5000m - 17:03.29

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Kathryn Nohilly



Senior, Major: Environmental Studies

Hometown: Golden Bridge, NY

2020-21 Season Stats:

Cross Country

2/5 - Richmond Invite (5K): 18:05.6, 5th place

2/20 - Spider Patriot Classic (5K): 17:56.6, 26th place

3/5 - Atlantic 10 Championship (5K): 17:36.2, 6th place

Outdoor Track

Top Performances

Towson Invite - 800m - 2:14.22

Mason Spring Invitational - 1500m - 4:28.83

Charm City Last Chance - 3000m Steeplechase - 10:21.58

men's CROSS COUNTRY & TRACK AND FIELD

Season Highlights:

William Gay broke the Men's 800m Run school record with a time of 1:53.54.

Miles Grant broke GW Men's High Jump, Men's Long Jump, and Men's 100m records with a height of 1.9 meters, length of 6.83 meters, and time of 11.91 seconds.

Ryan Rowkes broke the Men's 1500m Run school record with a time of 3:48.02 and was named A-10 Rookie of the Week.

Men's XC placed fifth overall at the A-10 Championships, the first top five finish since 2017.



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ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Miles Grant

Sophomore

Major: Computer Science

Hometown: Charlotte, NC

Position: Jump Events (High, Long, Triple)

What is your favorite memory from being on your sports team at GW? My favorite memory from GW athletics is the 2020 Indoor Track Championship in Rhode Island, the last meet I competed in before the pandemic. It was my first time visiting New England and it was great to be able to see it with my teammates.

How has being a part of GW athletics contributed or changed your experience at GW?

Being a GW athlete has helped connect me to a community and allowed me to feel welcome on campus.

How did you get started doing your sport?

I started doing parkour in middle school which inspired me to try out for the track team in 7th grade. I have been running track ever since!

How has COVID-19 affected your experience as a student athlete?

COVID-19 has been hard for me as an athlete because I haven't had access to a track or a high jump mat for the past year, making it very hard to practice. However, I'm excited to get back to normal competition once the virus is gone!

Who is your role model?

One of my role models is J Cole. I admire that he achieved success because of his dedication and used his platform to uplift his friends and his community.

What are your plans after college?

After college, I plan to have a career in software development or data science with a goal of making cities more equitable and sustainable.

women's BASKETBALL

Season Highlights:

9-14 (W,L)

Women's Basketball had an exciting game A-10 Second Round Matchup with Richmond, going into overtime for the first time in over three years.

Mayowa Taiwo earned a career high with 19 points in a game and 11 rebounds for a third career double-double.

Ali Brighman was named to the Atlantic 10 All-Rookie team and was third in the conference in field goal percentages, fifth best nationally among first-years.

Jasmine Whitney was named to the Atlantic 10 All-Defensive Team, ranking 16th nationally in steals per game and total steals. She is one of five players in the country to have at least 60 steals and 100 assists.

Atlantic 10 All-Defensive Team, ranking 16th nationally in steals per game and total steals. She is one of five players in the country to have at least 60 steals and 100 assists.



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ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Essence Brown

Sophomore, Major: Psychology

Hometown: Galax, VA

Position: Guard

What is your favorite memory from being on your sports team at GW? My favorite memory with my team was when we were able to participate in the March On Washington this past summer. It was such a powerful moment that will never be forgotten, and to be able to do it alongside my teammates and coaches made it even better.

What are your plans after college?

I would like to potentially play overseas after college. If I don't end up continuing my basketball career, I plan to get my masters in sports management and to stay connected to athletics working in this field or the sports psychology field.

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Faith Blethen

Sophomore, Major: Accounting

Hometown: Boothbay, Maine

Position: Guard/Forward

What is your favorite memory from being on your sports team at GW? Beating Memphis on the road, with a buzzer beater is my favorite in game memory. Off the court, I would have to say anytime we all randomly end up in the common space of our affinity and end up all sitting around the table laughing, talking and eventually singing and dancing around. Our COVID-19 living situation definitely allows for many of those random congregations that turn into some of the best laughs.

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Maddie Loder

Junior, Major: Organizational Sciences

Hometown: Orono, Minnesota

Position: Guard

How has being a part of GW athletics contributed or changed your experience at GW?

Being a part of GW athletics has given me a community at GW! Starting with the women's basketball program, I have felt supported by my teammates on multiple occasions in my endeavours on and off the court. Outside of basketball, I have met many other athletes who have made a positive impact on my experience at GW and on my life!

How did you get started doing your sport?

My family has a lot of basketball history, such as my dad playing Division 1 basketball at Cornell. He encouraged basketball to me from a very young age and I just stuck with it for the long run!

men's BASKETBALL

Season Highlights:

5-12 (W,L)

James Bishop, #11, finished the season as the second highest scorer in the A-10 Conference.

Jamison Battle, #10, ended the season as the Atlantic 10 Conference's Most Improved Player and the second leading scorer during the conference.

Graduate student, Brandon Leftwich, was a driving force, inspiration, and leader for his team this year, boosting morale to come out on top in a game against Rhode Island.



ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Matt Moyer

Senior, Major: Management

Hometown: Gahanna, OH

Position: Forward

What is your favorite memory from being on your sports team at GW? My favorite sports memory I have playing for GW was most definitely the

Duquesne game where we had an incredible team win. I will always remember this.

How did you get started doing your sport? At the age of six, I would go watch my dad play at the rec center, and that inspired me to want to pick up a basketball.

How has COVID-19 affected your experience as a student-athlete? Covid-19 has really affected my experience along with every student-athlete's experience around the country. I was really looking forward to the in-person interaction with the fans and seeing their smile after wins while we recite the fight song. But I am confident that there are better times ahead!

Who is your role model? My role model is definitely my dad. He has always been there for me and shown me the path to a successful life in so many different ways.

What are your plans after college? After college I plan to play professionally as long as possible, then the dream would be to work for the NBA front office!



ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Brandon Leftwich

Graduate Student, Major: Sports Management

Hometown: Brooklyn, NY

Position: Guard

What is your favorite memory from being on your sports team at GW? My favorite memory from being on the Men's Basketball team here at GW was

our gritty win against the University of Rhode Island. Our team went through many ups and downs this year but that game you could feel the different energy with the guys we had on the court. We were able to have a next man up mentality which in the end, helped us conquer the University of Rhode Island.

How has being a part of GW athletics contributed or changed your experience at GW? Being a part of GW athletics this year has definitely benefited me in several ways. The first is having the ability to utilize my last year of eligibility at such a great institution. I am also very thankful for the opportunity to represent GW in arguably the most difficult collegiate season in sports history. Having the chance to play basketball everyday has given me the outlet I needed to stay in touch with myself.

How did you get started doing your sport? I started playing basketball at a very young age. My mom has been working with the NBA and now the Atlanta Hawks for over 30 years so I have always been involved with basketball somehow.

Who is your role model? I can easily say that my mother is my role model. All my life she has supported me while being a single super mom which is admirable. I've been able to watch her work ethic when it comes to her job within the NBA and raising me by herself which has been embedded in me. I hope one day I can give back everything she has given to me.



women's SQUASH

Season Highlights:

Zoe Foo Yuk Han has been selected as one of two GW finalists for a prestigious College Squash Association award.

All-Time Highlights:

GW Women's Squash won the CSA Walker Cup Championships in 2010 and 2012 and the CSA Kurtz Cup Championships in 2014.

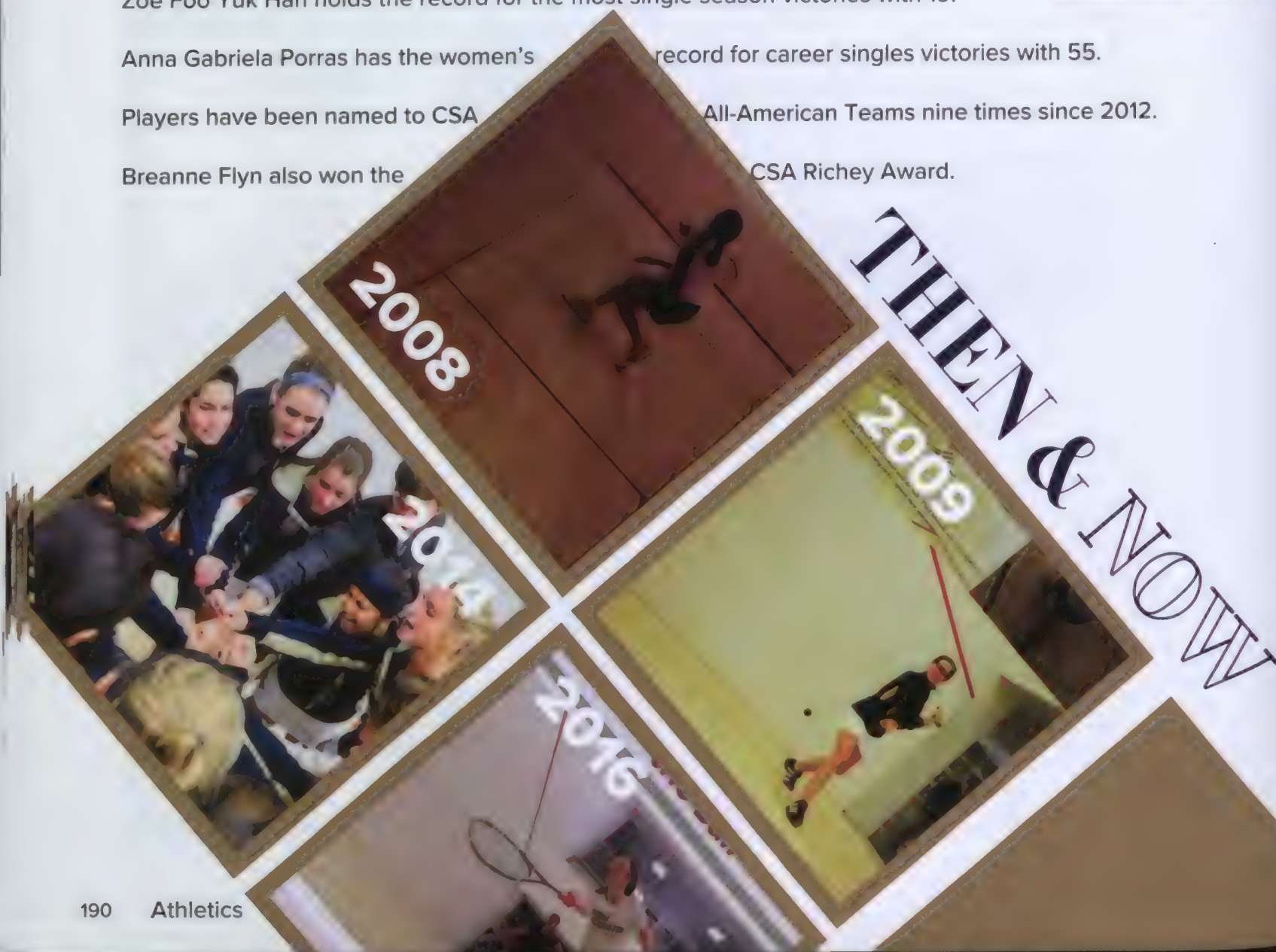
Breanne Flynn won the CSA Holleran Cup (B-Division) in 2016 and Zoe Foo Yuk Han won in 2018.

Zoe Foo Yuk Han holds the record for the most single season victories with 19.

Anna Gabriela Porras has the women's record for career singles victories with 55.

Players have been named to CSA All-American Teams nine times since 2012.

Breanne Flynn also won the CSA Richey Award.



ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Nikki Pang

Junior

Major: Marketing and Economics

Hometown: Singapore



What is your favorite memory from being on your sports team at GW?

I love having a group of girls to train with- they're equally if not more passionate about the sport and are my family away from home.

How has being a part of GW athletics contributed or changed your experience at GW?

College squash has always been a dream for me. Athletics has definitely been my highlight of GW, and I would do it again in a heartbeat.

How did you get started doing your sport?

My dad actually picked it up in college and taught me when I was little! I have fallen in love with it since then.

How has COVID-19 affected your experience as a student-athlete?

Unfortunately due to COVID our team is being cut at the end of the 2020-2021 year. I am extremely disheartened as this was my dream, and being home for COVID, I was not able to compete in the last season of GW Squash.

Who is your role model?

Honestly, it's got to be my team captain Zoe Foo! We've known each other growing up and I always looked up to her. Her passion for the sport, how she juggles all her responsibilities be it being our Captain or our SAAC rep, and yet each training she brings such amazing positive energy and always pushes me to train harder and improve myself.

What are your plans after college?

I would love to work in the US for a year, travel the world, before settling down back in my home country of Singapore to be with my family.

men's SQUASH

Season Highlights:

Salim Khan has been selected as one of two GW finalists for a prestigious College Squash Association award.

All-Time Highlights:

The Men's Squash Team won the CSA Summer Cup Championships in 2012 and the CSA Hoehn Cup Championships in 2018 and 2019.

Omar Sobhy won the CSA Malloy Cup (B-Division) in 2011.

Oisin Logan has the men's record for career singles victories with 60 and is tied with Omar Sobhy and Islam El-Fiky for the most single season victories.

Players have been named to CSA

All-American teams four times since 2014.



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ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Salim Khan

Senior

Hometown: Bellevue, WA



Salim Khan began his freshman year by winning 15 times throughout the season. In the following year, he recorded 16 wins to tie for the second most wins on the team. In 2020, Salim was the co-captain and team MVP. He ranked first on the squad with 14 victories over the course of the season. In the program's history, he earned the seventh most career victories, with 47 over the three years. This spring, he was selected as a finalist for Top College Squash Association Awards.

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Luke Stauffer

Senior

Hometown: Philadelphia, PA



Luke Stauffer began his freshman season by winning six times. His sophomore year, 2018-2019, recorded the most season wins during his time at GW, with 10 victories. Luke earned eight victories and tied for 16th in program history with 28 career victories. He helped the team during matches against many schools and played at CSA Nationals.

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Inaki de Larrauri

Senior

Hometown: Bogota, Columbia



Inaki de Larrauri had a huge breakout season his freshman year and earned eighteen wins. He had another fantastic season as a sophomore with fifteen victories. That year, Luke was named to GW Athletics Academic Dean's List. During his junior year, he was a co-captain, had thirteen wins, and competed at CSA Individual Nationals. He ranks sixth in program history with 48 career victories.

women's SWIMMING & DIVING

Season Highlights:

GW swimming and diving opened the 2021 season at the Cavalier Invitational. The meet included Pittsburgh and James Madison in addition to host Virginia.

Marlee Rickert earned a silver medal at the A-10 Championships in 100 m backstroke and broke the school record with a time of 54.62 seconds.

Erin McCarthy won a bronze medal at the A-10 Championships in the 500 m free style with a personal best time of 4:51.14.

Jamie Doak placed third on the 3-meter board in the A-10 Championships.

The team took home a fourth place win from the Atlantic 10 Championships this season.



ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Andrea Ho

Senior, Major: International Affairs and Economics

Hometown: Perth, Australia

Position: Backstroke and Butterfly

What is your favorite memory from being on your sports team at GW?

Winning the A-10 title with my team last year (2020). Winning as a team is an amazing feeling and something special.

How has being a part of GW athletics contributed or changed your experience at GW? I have found such an incredible community within GW Athletics that I cherish and is a special part of my GW experience.

How did you get started doing your sport? I got bribed with food funnily enough! My sister had started club swimming when I was 6 (she was 8), and I figured out quick enough that if I went along, I'd get fed better than being left home with my dad as he wasn't a great cook!

How has COVID-19 affected your experience as a student-athlete? Certainly my senior year is not the year I would have hoped for or expected, but I think it has refined my outlook on what my senior season should be, instead of the pressure of going out "on top." I rather have the mindset of just having as much fun as possible given the circumstances and making as many memories that I will cherish for years to come even in this trying time.

Who is your role model? Maya DiRado! Her Olympic journey is so inspirational.

What are your plans after college? Hopefully staying in the U.S. Hopefully, I will line up plans for a job and potentially grad school in the near future!



ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Andrea Moussier Pichardo

Junior, Major: Psychology and Criminal Justice

Hometown: Queretaro, Mexico

Position: Long Distance Swimmer

What is your favorite memory from being on your sports team at GW?

Winning the A-10 Championship and knowing all the effort we put into the season had paid off. It was something that my freshman year we talked a lot about, and it was awesome seeing that goal completed.

How did you get started doing your sport? I started swimming at the age of 4 years old when my parents thought it would simply be a good life skill. Then that transitioned into being a competitive level activity that has really created a lot of my most memorable experiences.

How has COVID-19 affected your experience as a student athlete? COVID-19 has made having a reliable training schedule hard, yet the routine of practice has still brought some normality to the everyday. It is certainly not what I was expecting of my junior year, however, it has brought me closer to people and made me appreciate the little things in life.

Who is your role model? I think at the moment it would be Katie Ledecky. Her perseverance and work ethic is something I really admire.

What are your plans after college? I am planning on taking a gap year or two in order to get experience in my field and then apply to graduate school.



men's SWIMMING & DIVING

Season Highlights:

The Men's Swimming and Diving team brought home the Atlantic 10 Championship title this season, winning for the fourth time in five years.

Karol Mlynarczyk won three individual gold medals, in the 200 back, 100 yard butterfly, and set the program record in the 100 free with a time of 43.66 seconds.

Marek Osina and Tyler Kawakami both dominated the A-10 Championships. Both athletes earned six medals each, five of which were gold.

Emils Pone broke two program records in the 200 fly and 400 IM, also earning two medals: a silver in the 200 yard IM and a gold in the 800 freestyle relay.

Peter Nachtwey and Spencer Bystrom earned the silver and bronze medals, respectively, in 3 meter dive.



Bystrom earned the silver and bronze medals,



ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Nick Tomczyk

Senior, Major: Mechanical Engineering with a concentration in Aerospace and a minor in Naval Science

Hometown: Reading, PA

Position: Diver



What is your favorite memory from being on your sports team at GW? One of my favorite memories is running and jumping into the pool as a team after lifting the trophy at the A-10 Championships.

How has being a part of GW athletics contributed or changed your experience at GW? Being a part of GW Athletics has given me a community of people who share the same values and goals as me. It has pushed me to work harder in both the classroom and the pool.

How did you get started doing your sport? The first time I jumped off a diving board when I was 5 years old, I did a flip, so a friend recommended joining the local pool's dive team.

How has COVID-19 affected your experience as a student athlete? COVID-19 has made for a senior year full of unexpected challenges. It's not the final season I was hoping for, but it has shown me that with hard work and a good attitude, you can make the best of any situation.

Who is your role model? My father is my role model. He has taught me that any goal can be achieved with hard work and discipline.

What are your plans after college? Upon graduation, I will be commissioning into the U.S. Navy. I will report to flight school in Pensacola, Fla., to begin my training to become a naval aviator.

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Youssef Ragab

Senior, Major: Business Analytics & Marketing

Hometown: Alexandria, Egypt

Position: Breaststroke/IM



What is your favorite memory from being on your sports team at GW? A lot of memories come to mind. Getting the chance to travel around the country with my friends is one of the things that I will remember for a long time, but my favorite memory is winning the Atlantic 10 Championship in 2019. Having won it two years in a row, it becomes more difficult because you become the target. Seeing everyone on the team rise up to the challenges that we faced throughout the season and going back to win it by an even bigger margin was definitely the highlight so far.

How has being a part of GW athletics contributed or changed your experience at GW? Being part of the team here at GW has given me a unique experience, it's obviously difficult managing everything from school to traveling and practice, especially since our season is so long. But what made it easier and more enjoyable is seeing the entire team do it together and working for each other. That made all the sacrifices we have to make day-in, day-out worth every bit.

women's GYMNASTICS

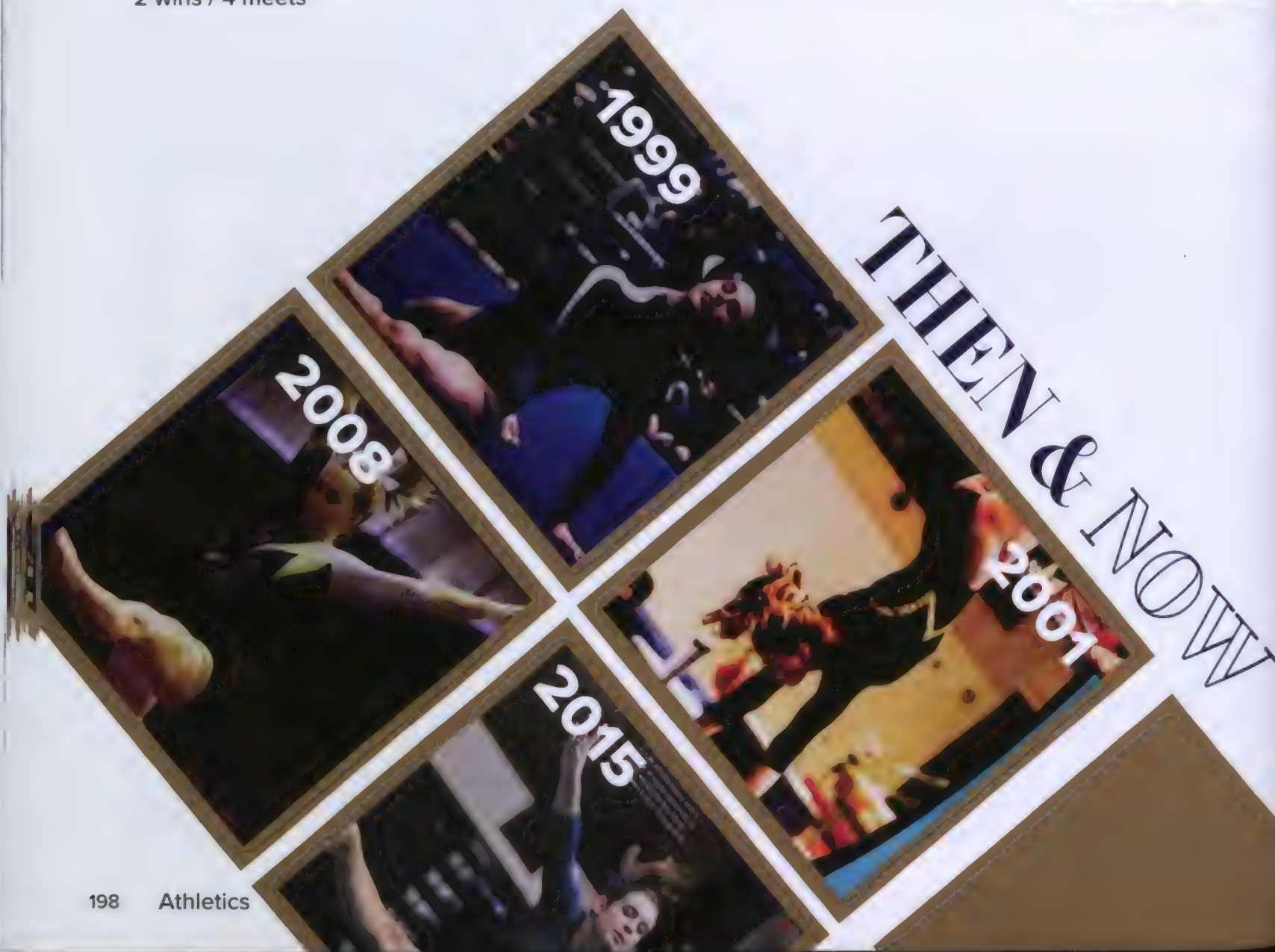
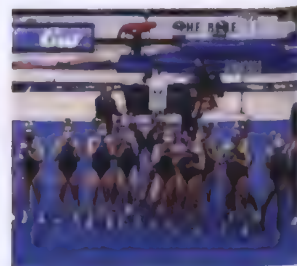
Season Highlights:

Anna Warhol was named EAGL Scholar Athlete of the Year for the second consecutive year, marking the first time a gymnast has earned this honor in consecutive years. Warhol was also awarded the Lindsey Ferris award.

Deja Chambliss tied for second on vault at EAGL Championships and qualified as an individual to compete on vault at the NCAA Regional Championships in Salt Lake City. Chambliss was GW's top performer on vault, bars, and in the all-around this year.

Hannah Cohen and Kendall Whitman were named the top performers on beam and floor, respectively, earning the highest team average on the event.

2 wins / 4 meets



ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Rachel Kaplan

Senior, Major: Speech, Hearing and Language Sciences

Hometown: Franklin Lakes, NJ

What is your favorite memory from being on your sports team at GW? One of my favorite memories of GW gymnastics was competing in regionals at LSU my sophomore year. I grew up watching NCAA gymnastics on TV and dreamed of competing in the PMAC- so getting to compete there with my team felt surreal (and we killed it!) We also had a few days to spend there, so we got to enjoy New Orleans and the warm weather! So much fun.

How did you get started doing your sport? I started taking gymnastics in a mommy & me class when I was just 2 years old and never looked back. My mom told me I was always fearless, and I wouldn't stop flipping around at home, so she put me in a gym.

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Simone Banen

Junior, Major: Mechanical Engineering

Hometown: Wcykoff, NJ

How has COVID-19 affected your experience as a student-athlete? COVID-19 has definitely been tough for many reasons. As a student-athlete, it's prevented me from seeing my friends on other teams, as well as most of my friends in the general student body. It's also caused some problems with competitions and has limited spectators at meets. However, while there are some tough aspects that came about because of COVID, I found that there are many positives, too. It allowed me to create an even closer bond with my team, and connect in ways we were not able to before the pandemic. It also gave me a newfound appreciation for being able to do the sport I love and for the opportunity to compete for such an incredible team and school.

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Hannah Cohen

Senior, Major: Exercise Science with a minor in Nutrition Science and a concentration in Pre-Medical Professional

Hometown: Dix Hills, NY

What is your favorite memory from being on your sports team at GW?

My favorite memory from being on the gymnastics team was scoring my career high on beam of a 9.9 at our annual Pink Meet. I injured my elbow during pre-season and had to miss the start of my junior season. The pink meet was the first meet I was able to compete in. I was nervous, but so excited to compete with my team again. I couldn't have imagined a better start to the season and would not have done it without the support and encouragement of my coaches and teammates.

women's SOFTBALL

Season Highlights:

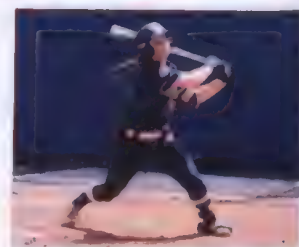
37-9 (W,L)

GW Softball swept its regular conference and the A10 Conference, making its NCAA debut at the Baton Rouge Regional.

Jenna Cone, Jessica Linquist, and Sierra Lange earned First Team Honors.

Faith Weber, Sidney Bloomfield, and Alessandra Ponce were named to the All-Region Second Team.

Alexia Williams, first year student, was named to the All-Region Third Team.



ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Alessandra Ponce



Senior, Major: Criminal Justice
Hometown: Las Vegas, Nevada
Position: DP/Utility

What is your favorite memory from being on your sports team at GW? The atmosphere of the 2019 A-10 Tournament that eventually led to us being champions that season. Every game someone stepped up and did something amazing. It was such a surreal experience to have every game be so high-intensity and to see the team operate as such a well-oiled machine.

How has being a part of GW athletics contributed or changed your experience at GW? My mom's side of the family played and went to college for softball, so I have been playing this game since I was five and knew I wanted to play somewhere special which is why GW was such a great fit.

How has COVID-19 affected your experience as a student-athlete? It has made me recognize how important community is and how sports are an outlet and avenue for that sense of community. Every practice and game going forward is an experience with my GW family that I cherish.

Who is your role model? My mom is definitely my role model. She made sure in school, sports, and whatever else life threw at me that I was always in the best position to succeed and never hesitated to put my needs over her own because she wanted me to have a promising future.

What are your plans after college? After college, I want to go to law school and study criminal law in hopes of being a prosecutor.

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Sidney Bloomfield



Senior, Major: Statistics
Hometown: Frankfort, IL
Position: Outfield

What is your favorite memory from being on your sports team at GW?

Playing intense games in the A-10 Tournament my sophomore year and then later being named the co-champions of the conference.

How has being a part of GW athletics contributed or changed your experience at GW? Being a part of GW Athletics has encouraged a family environment while being away from home. It has allowed me to have so many opportunities that I am forever grateful for. One in particular is playing in Mexico against some of the best competition in the country.

How did you get started doing your sport? I started playing T-ball at 4 years old while following in the footsteps of my older brother and father. I continued every year and finally committed to playing travel softball at 12. The rest is history.

How has COVID-19 affected your experience as a student athlete? Although COVID-19 cut my junior season short, it has allowed me to become even closer with my team and enabled me to truly reflect on these last four years at GW. COVID-19 has honestly made me realize that every chance to play could be the last, so it is important to make all of them count.

men's BASEBALL

Season Highlights:

26-18 (W,L)

GW Baseball finished with the most wins in the A10 South Division.

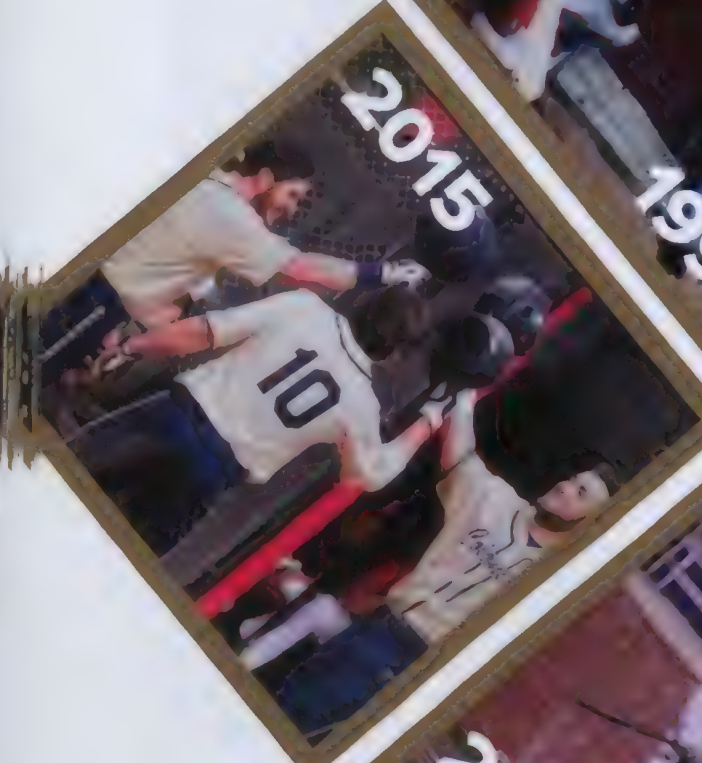
Noah Levin, junior second baseman, and Domenic Boselli, senior outfielder, were named to the First Team All-Conference.

Steve DiTomaso, sophomore shortstop, was named to the Second Team All-Conference and earned All-Rookie honors.

Noah Levin, Steve Barkmakian, and Jared Edwards earned a spot on the All-Academic team.



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ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Cole Beeker

Graduate Student

Major: Sports Management

Hometown: Lexington, NC

Position: Infield

2021 Stats: Appeared in 14 games in the field, starting three.

Collected a pair of hits including a double and an RBI

Made three appearances on the hill, tossing 1.2 scoreless and hitless innings with four strikeouts.

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Domenic Boselli

Senior

Major: Sport Event and Hospitality Management

Hometown: Ventnor City, NJ

Position: Outfield

2021 Stats: Named First Team All-Atlantic 10

Started 42 games, all in left field, hitting .291 with 12 doubles, five home runs, 32 runs scored, 39 RBI and two stolen bases

Elevated his game against conference opponents, slashing .337/.384/.584, pacing the league with 10 doubles and ranking fourth in RBI (24) and hits (30), eighth in runs (20) and 10th in slugging

Led the league and ranked ninth in the country with seven sacrifice flies

Earned the No. 2 play on SportsCenter Top 10 following a flipping catch over the wall vs. Virginia (March 30)

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Cade Fergus

Junior, Major: Criminal Justice

Hometown: Plantation, FL

Position: Outfielder

2021 Stats: Started all 44 games in center field, hitting .299/.437/.422

Led the team in walks, HBP and runs in addition to ranking among team leaders in steals (2nd), doubles (3rd), average (4th), hits (4th), total bases (4th), RBI (5th) and slugging (5th)

Launched his first homer of the season, a solo shot, vs. Saint Joseph's (March 13)

women's WATER POLO

All-Time Highlights:

Women's Water Polo has finished in the top five for the Southern Championships six times since 2000.

Members of the team have been named to an All-Academic Team more than 50 times in the last two decades.

Players have been named to an All-Tournament or All-Conference Team more than 20 times.



ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Juliette Belanger

Senior, Major: Civil Engineering with an Environmental Concentration

Hometown: Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Position: Center Forward



How has being a part of GW athletics contributed or changed your experience at GW? Being part of the GW athletic community has allowed me to join a group of dedicated and amazing people as soon as I arrived at GW. I have also had the chance to gain skills and proficiencies that will help me reach success in my career.

How did you get started doing your sport? The first time I tried out water polo I was 14 years old. The coach gave me a ball and told me to shoot it at the net. Even though I could barely hold my head above water, once I shot the ball, the coach asked me to come to practices six times a week, and the rest is history.

How has COVID-19 affected your experience as a student-athlete? The arrival of COVID-19 did keep me out of the pool for a while, however it gave me a chance to spend more time with my teammates outside of the water, and we have grown a lot closer since then.

Who is your role model? In sport, my role model is Krystina Alogbo. She was the Canadian national team's center forward and captain for many years. She showed great strength and determination throughout her career which allowed her to reach excellence. She also showed me and other aspiring players great patience, kindness, and encouragement when teaching us new skills.

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Hannah Hathaway

Senior, Major: Interior Architecture

Hometown: San Jose, California

Position: Attacker



How has being part of GW Athletics contributed or changed your experience at GW? Being part of GW Athletics has connected me to a network of such strong and fun people that I don't think I would have met had I not been on the water polo team. Athletics feels like a small community within the university, and all of the student-athletes are so kind and welcoming.

How did you get started doing your sport? I've been a swimmer ever since I was 4. In high school, all of my friends started playing water polo, so I thought, why not try it!

How has COVID affected your experience as a student athlete? COVID has helped me realize how much I've taken for granted in terms of athletics and feeling part of a community in general. This time away from the pool has made me realize how much I love water polo and how grateful I am to be part of a team.

Who is your role model? This may sound cheesy, but my mom. She's the most hardworking and dedicated woman I know, and if I can be half the woman she is, I think I'll turn out alright.

What are your plans after college? Hopefully, after graduation I'll work in educational interior design and integrate more accessible design into larger urban schools.

women's ROWING

Season Highlights:

GW Women's Rowing earned second place at the Atlantic 10 Championships, matching its top finish in program history.

GW Women's Rowing medaled in every race for the fourth straight season.

Lauren Bennett and Kate Donohue were named First Team All-Conference.

Naomi Lee and Kathleen Westover both earned second team honors.



ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Ananda Rae Smith

Junior

Major: International Affairs and Economics

Hometown: Los Angeles, CA

What is your favorite memory from being on your sports team at GW?

Getting second at A-10 in the Varsity 8 my freshman year!

How has being a part of GW athletics contributed or changed your experience at GW?

It has given me a community of supportive people that have made everyday better in their own ways!

How did you get started doing your sport?

I started my sophomore year of high school after a few of my friends had joined the year prior and it was so fun! I fell in love with racing!

How has COVID-19 affected your experience as a student-athlete?

It has made everything really different, especially not having that group feeling when practicing. Even simple things such as getting high fives and group huddles.

Who is your role model?

My role model is my grandfather! He has taught me how to enjoy life and also commit to everything you decide to do. He is my example of how hard work pays off!

What are your plans after college?

My plan after college is to teach english in Spain for a year and then go to business school to study international business!

men's ROWING

Season Highlights:

Three GW boats earned top spots in grand finales at the Dad Vail Regatta in Philadelphia.

The varsity eight boat finished second overall after coming in second in the first year to advance to the race finals.

GW's second varsity eight boat won its grand finale to earn the Ernie Bayer Trophy.

GW's third varsity eight boat placed third in the grand finale.



ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Cole Dorsey

Major: Finance, Minor in Statistics

Hometown: Rowayton, CT

Cole Dorsey, during his freshman year, made GW history when the men's first and second varsity eights swept their competitions at the Navy, Columbia, and Hobart regatta. He was a crucial member of the 3V8, which placed third in the Third-Level Finals to finish the season ranking 15th nationally. During his senior year, Cole raced in the 2-seat of the second varsity eight at the IRA National Championships. The crew won the Petite Final and ended the season ranking seventh in the nation. Cole made the Athletics Academics Dean's List all four years at GW. Outside of GW Rowing, Cole was also accepted to the Under 23 Green Racing Project and represented the US on an international stage, placing 10th out of 53 countries.

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Harris Grodin

Major: Bachelor of Business Administration with Concentration in Finance and Business, Economics, & Public Policy

Hometown: Rye Brook, NY

Harris Grodin sat two-seat in the third varsity eight that placed sixth in the Petite Final in his sophomore year. This race qualified the team for the IRAs where he sat in the stroke seat of the 3V8, helping GW finish in third place. The team ended the season ranking 15th nationally. Harris earned GW Athletics Academics Dean's List in Fall 2019. After graduation, he plans to work at UBS.

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Shawe Watkins

Major: Political Science & Government, Minor in History

Hometown: St. Louis, MO

Shawe Watkins sat five seat of the third varsity eight crew that placed sixth in the Petite Final to qualify for the IRAs. He rowed four seat of the 3V8 which helped GW finish in third place. The team ended the season ranking 15th nationally.

women's LACROSSE

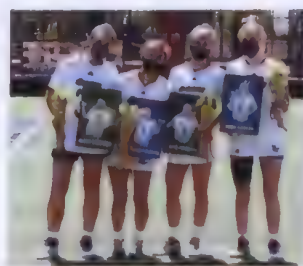
Season Highlights:

6-6 (W,L)

Bailey Aaron was named to the Atlantic 10 All-Rookie Team. She scored 16 goals this season and had a career-high four goals in the same versus Richmond.

On Senior Day, GW won 14 to 9, securing its third conference victory and first season win over VCU.

A-10 Conference play ended with three wins and four losses.



ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Alexa Solomon

Senior, Major: Systems Engineering

Hometown: Radnor, Pennsylvania

Position: Goalie

How has COVID-19 affected your experience as a student-athlete? COVID-19 has really had a major impact on not only my lacrosse journey, but also my college experience as a whole. We were stripped of our season last year and were forced to connect with our teammates and coaches on virtual platforms. It was definitely difficult, but our team stayed optimistic throughout the process. We then made it to fall ball where there were no games and we only practiced three times per week. The uncertainty about the season made it difficult to get excited as we did not want to get our hopes up. The A10 luckily did manage to work out the inner-workings of the season, include the division of teams into pods and pandemic protocol that everyone needed to follow. Though it has definitely not been an ideal year and a half through COVID-19, I am thankful to have had a season at all and that I was finally able to reconnect with my teammates after so many Zoom calls apart :)

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Kendall Lambert

Junior, Major: English and Creative Writing

Hometown: Baldwin, MD

Position: Midfield

What is your favorite memory from being on your sports team at GW? Though recent, my favorite memory would have to be beating George Mason for the second time in one season in a game under the lights. Our team was facing a lot of adversity with injured players, some people were playing in positions they don't normally frequent, and the start time of the game had been pushed back due to lightning delay. Nonetheless, we powered through and battled it out with a big rival, securing an important conference win. I can't remember a time our team was so excited about a win, we were jumping on top of each other, hugging, shouting, it was just a really fun moment to be a part of.

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Ioanna Mantzouratos

Senior, Major: Exercise Science with a Pre-PT Concentration

Hometown: Germantown, MD

Position: Attack

How has being a part of GW athletics contributed or changed your experience at GW? GW athletics has been a big part of my 4 years in undergrad. Having the opportunity to go to a great school and playing the sport I love alongside my teammates is something I will never take for granted. Being an athlete and working at the Smith Center has allowed me to make countless friends and connections throughout the athletic department that I will cherish in the coming years away from GW.

RAISE HIGH madness all-time

The GW Athletics Department honors the university's 200th celebration with Raise High Madness All-Time Edition, an effort to find the best moment in GW sports history. Brackets were released on Friday, October 23rd and voting kicked off on the following Monday.

The bracket was composed of 32 memorable moments, from individual accomplishments to GW team victories, separated into four eight-team regions, and match-ups took place over three weeks, culminating with the championship matchup on November 16th. All voting took place through Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram polls that tallied thousands of votes across all platforms. After some close calls, the Men's Rowing Team came out with the win. Aquil Abdullah, 2004 Olympian, earned the title as Raise High Madness All-Time Edition victor. Coming in at a close second was the Softball Team, who were Co-Champions in the 2019 A-10 Championships.

The friendly competition showcased the strength and dedication of the GW community, with alumni and current students rooting for their teams. The series extended beyond state lines and country borders to unite all sports teams to celebrate the many accomplishments of GW Athletes.





1989 SWEET SIXTEEN TEAM

GW MBS



GYM FIVE CONSECUTIVE A-10 CHAMPIONSHIPS

GW SYMPOSIUM








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BASEBALL
1989
ATLANTIC 10
CHAMPIONS





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1989 SWEET SIXTEEN TEAM

GW WBB






GYM FIVE CONSECUTIVE
A-10 CHAMPIONSHIPS

WBB 1987 ELITE 8 TEAM

WBB 2009 A-10 CHAMPIONS

MROW 2004 AQUIL
ABDULLAH IN OLYMPICS



WINNER!

MEN'S ROWING
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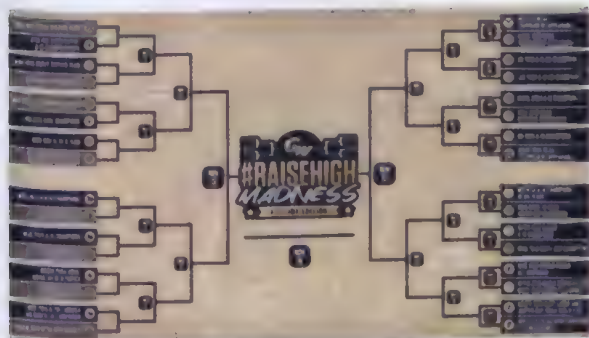
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SB 2013 A-10 CHAMPIONS

MTEN 5X A-10 CHAMPIONS
IN SIX YEARS

#RaiseHighMadness All-Time Edition



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Celebrating the Class of 2021





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a letter from **DEAN PETTY**



Congratulations to all who are graduating during the George Washington University's historic bicentennial year! When you started your journey at GW, we could not have imagined how historic of an academic year this would be for you, for the nation, and for the world.

Take a moment to reflect on the milestones this past year. From living through a global pandemic, to voting in an historic presidential election, to confronting systematic racism and oppression at home and around the world, to your own personal achievements like taking that last final or writing that last paper, to securing that first job, to participating in those virtual "Only at GW" moments.

You came to GW because you wanted change in the world and because you wanted to be part of history. During your time here, each of you, in your own way, left your mark. As you found your passion, you had a significant impact at GW. As you leave, you'll take the lessons learned here and will make this world a better place.

As you follow your dreams, I encourage to you to always be "you", and to use your strengths to inspire those around you. Class of 2021, I cannot wait to see what you'll do next.

Raise High!

M.L. "Cissy" Petty, Ph.D.

Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

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MEHER SAHNI

senior spotlight



Class of 2021

Meher Sahni, originally from Monroe Township, NJ, is graduating from the School of Business with a Bachelor of Business Administration, concentrating in Finance and Accounting, and a minor in Economics. Beginning her four years as an accounting major, her professors said that accounting and economics were the principles of business, and finance was a field that came out of the two. Wanting to build a solid foundation to prepare for the future, Meher decided to add finance and economics to her degree. Along with familial and professional advice, she realized that these new areas of study, specifically finance, were a better fit for her future and passions. She has loved the challenge of her majors and believes it has strengthened her desire to become an investment banker.

As an undergraduate student, Meher became very involved on campus as an Advanced Tax Preparer for Community Tax Aid in DC, the previous President and current Senior Advisor of Sikh Student Association (SSA), a participant in and award winner of the McGill International Portfolio Challenge, and a Four Year Development Program Mentor (4YDP) for the School of Business. These roles, especially SSA and 4YDP, have really helped build her GW community. She has seen the growth of SSA over the last four years, going from six to 19 members, and attributes this growth to the individual contribution of herself and her peers who worked to build their on-campus presence and representation of the faith and culture at GW.

As for 4YDP, the community Meher discovered in her position as a mentor is unlike anything else she's experienced at GW. She met people who were proud of being GWSB students and wanted to foster a community of highly motivated business leaders. She contributed to what GWSB has to offer its students through this mentor program and saw the most growth in herself and her professional skills in this position. Meher's favorite parts about the mentor program were that she met her best friend through the mentor cohort, connected and made great relationships with the GWSB Advising Team, and enjoyed watching her students grow each semester.

After graduating this May, Meher will go to work for Maxim Group LLC, an investment bank in NYC, as an investment banking analyst. She is very thankful for all that GW has taught her and the memories she has made. She feels that her personal and professional growth has encouraged her to pursue this career path in investment banking. Some of Meher's favorite memories at GW are getting to explore the city of DC and ordering Thai food to Duques Hall for late-night study sessions.

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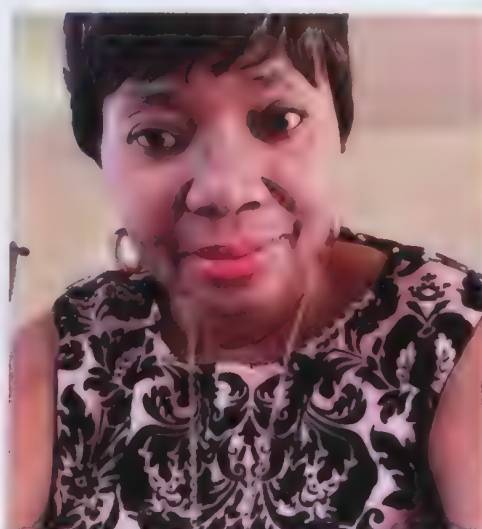
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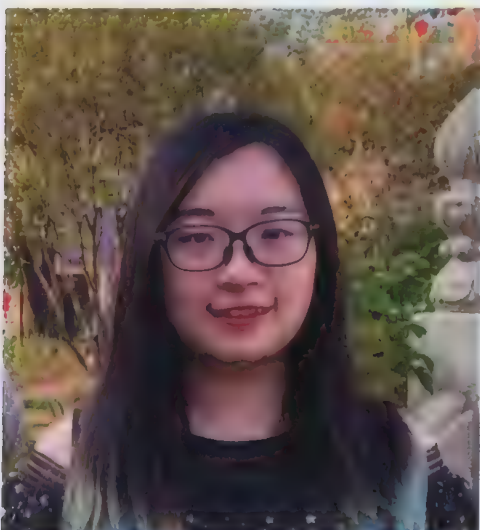
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ZACHARY BERNSTEIN

senior spotlight



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Zachary Bernstein is from Ann Arbor, Michigan and is graduating with a double major in Political Science and Religion, with a minor in Judaic Studies. Since his first visit as a high school student, he has loved GW. He loved it for the location, being at the heart of DC.

As a political science major, he could not imagine a better place to study, learn, and experience. On top of that, the Jewish life through Hillel was very strong which was another important factor for him, so he felt like GW was the perfect place to pursue his interests. Zachary has been interested in politics, especially American politics and government, for about as long as he can remember, likely influenced by his father who is a political science professor at Eastern Michigan University. His interest in Judaic Studies stems from his decision to become a rabbi after college.

Throughout his time at GW, Zachary has gotten very involved, mainly being the President of Kehila GW (GW's Jewish LGBTQ group) and being in leadership for GW Hillel. Following graduation, Zachary intends to enroll in the rabbinical school at the Jewish Theological Seminary. His involvement in GW Hillel, along with his incredible friends and mentors, were instrumental in helping him pursue this path and strengthen the leadership skills needed. He's super grateful and appreciative for everything that Hillel gave him over his four years. Zachary is also thankful for his studies at GW in the Religion and Judaic Studies departments, as they taught him so much, amplified his passions about his dreams and interests, and gave him incredible professors as mentors.

Despite believing GW was the best fit for him when he accepted his admissions offer, a moment in December 2017 sticks out to him as the time he realized GW was really the perfect university. Zachary and his friend group gathered together for a Chanukah party/election watch party, the night of the Doug Jones/Roy Moore race and the first night of Chanukah. That night, the combination of a strong Jewish community, a wonderful friend group, and a group of people who loved politics as much as he did convinced him that GW was just the perfect school for him. That night, he and two friends decided to form their political blog, Eyes on the Capitol, which has been another highlight of Zachary's GW experience.

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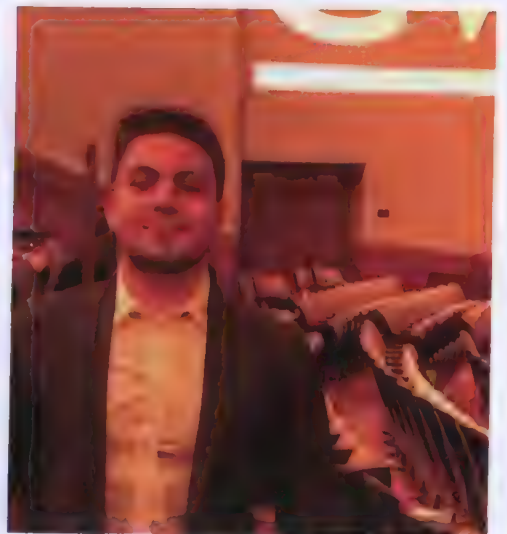
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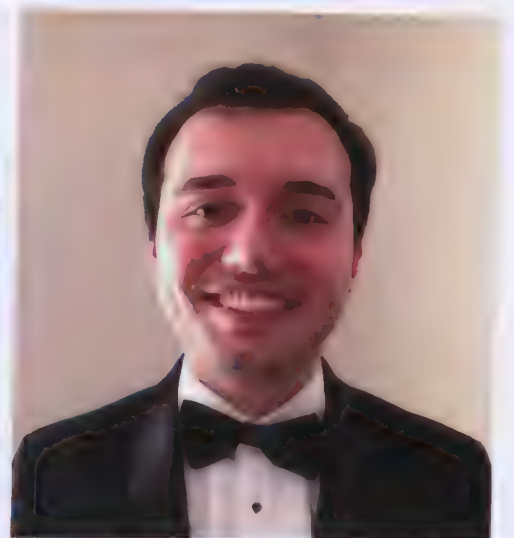
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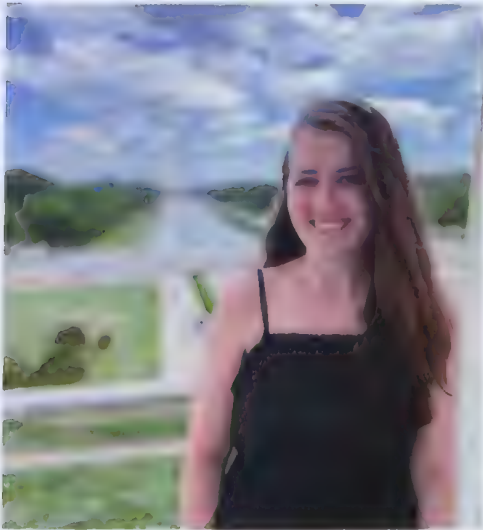


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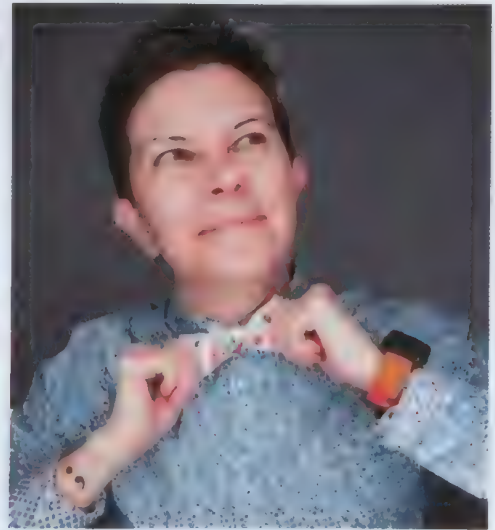
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GRETA BATISTA

senior spotlight



Class of 2021

Greta Batista is from Ashburn, VA and is graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science and Applied Mathematics. GW was a great option for her due to the proximity to her home, the connections that DC has to offer, and the positive reputation of the Political Science department. She came in wanting to study political science because it is the perfect foundation she needs to go to law school, a dream she's had since high school. Starting her junior year, Greta added a math major because she missed the problem solving involved in those classes. She had to take three math classes every semester and through her perseverance and the encouragement from the math department, especially Professor Joseph Bonin, she not only completed it, but excelled.

In addition to her coursework, Greta has become involved as the President and previous Secretary of the Association for Women in Mathematics (AWM), a member of Pi Mu Epsilon - the Math Honor Society, and a tutor for Tungsten Prep. As the president of AWM, she worked to inspire women to pursue careers in STEM, form a support system between people in the math department, and plan events for members. This past year, despite the pandemic, she and her eboard collaborated to host a Women in STEM Career Panel in which female professionals in various industries came to speak on their experiences and journeys. In her tutoring position, Greta serves middle school and high school students in the DC area, specializing in math and Spanish.

Upon graduation, Greta hopes to attend law school, majoring in criminal, intellectual property, or immigration law. Because her parents are immigrants, the struggles and language barrier she saw them face during the citizenship process inspired her to be the person to close that gap. In addition, she wants to make an impact on people and her actions as a lawyer can have a lasting impact on not only her clients but also society. Greta's studies here at GW have made her even more certain of her passion for law since the critical thinking and problem solving skills that she has gained from both of her majors are essential as a lawyer.

Greta's favorite thing about going to GW is the math department and the lifelong friends and connections she's made in the math major. She praised the faculty, saying "Professor Joseph Bonin is excellent!" and loved how encouraging her peers and professors have been. She appreciated how professors were always more than willing to help and gave their time even beyond office hours to ensure she understood and got the guidance she needed. The community the math department gave her really made her college experiences and this is what she will miss most from GW.

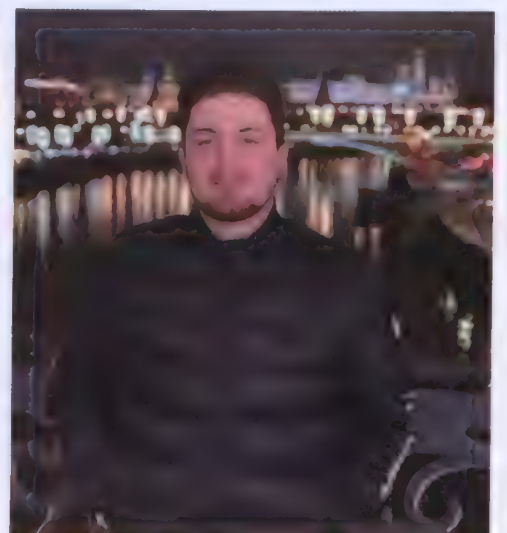
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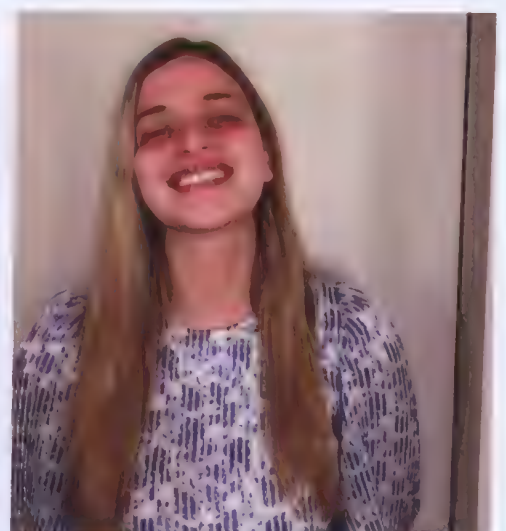
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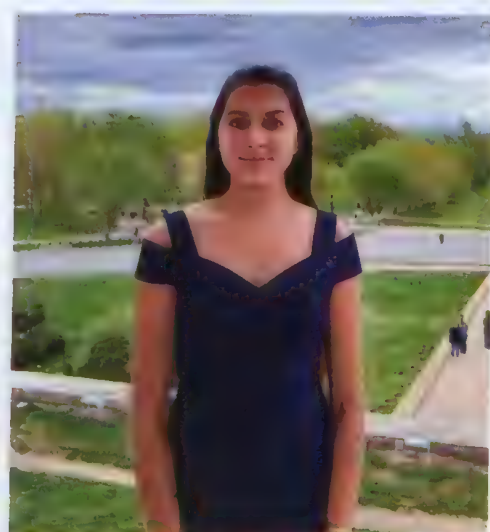
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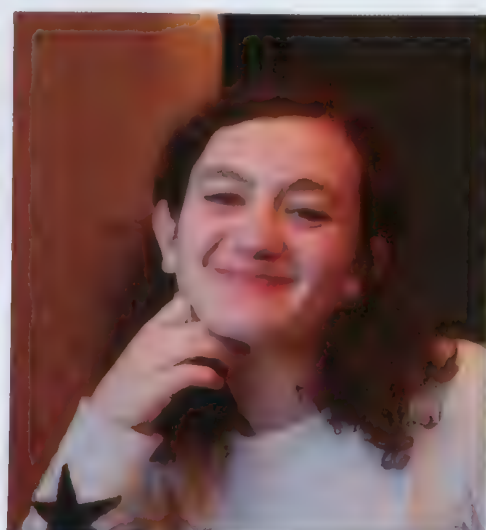
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Matthew Moyer

ELIAS ISSA

graduate spotlight



Elias Issa, originally from Venezuela, is a Civil Engineer graduating with a STEM-designated Global Masters of Business Administration. He chose to pursue this specific MBA because it would help him become a better leader and transition from an engineering background to a business mindset. Knowing that business classes develop professional skills that are essential to success, he felt it was the perfect opportunity for him, saying "good leadership is indispensable to thrive, especially in the face of adversity". GWSB, specifically, was an excellent fit for him because traveling overseas captivated him and Elias really wanted to explore outside the local bubble that he worked in, so DC was an ideal location for him, his wife, and his 3-year old daughter. GW also had the diversity of background and world perspectives that were critical for a Global MBA.

While studying at GW, Elias had the opportunity to be engaged in different programs. He was a part of the Consulting Community of Practice where he met mentors from different industries. In addition, he was a leader for the Prospanica and Business Analytics clubs which allowed him to connect with several professionals in the work field. Lastly, he was a TA for three courses: Decision Models, Operations Management, and Decision Making and Data Analysis. "Being a TA was one of the best experiences", Elias noted, as it gave him the chance to interact with graduate and undergraduate students in the business school. His studies at GW have helped him to see the whole picture from a business perspective and reaffirmed his passion for investments, finance, and data analytics. He is still looking for the next adventure in his career path but is certain that, with the experience and knowledge gained at GW, his success is guaranteed.

Elias' favorite thing about GW was that it was always there for him. From day one, he felt GWSB was always very supportive of him, saying that "as the world changed during this pandemic, GW adapted to offer me the best program experience. When something unexpected occurred, they were always listening and willing to help and adapt; I'm really pleased with the support I received during the whole program." The opportunity to go back to school is priceless to him and he was really able to create bonds with classmates through the GMBA program, despite the online classes. A favorite memory of his is with Professor Gaston de Los Reyes. It was the last class before the spring break and Elias recalls how they were laughing and took one last picture together.

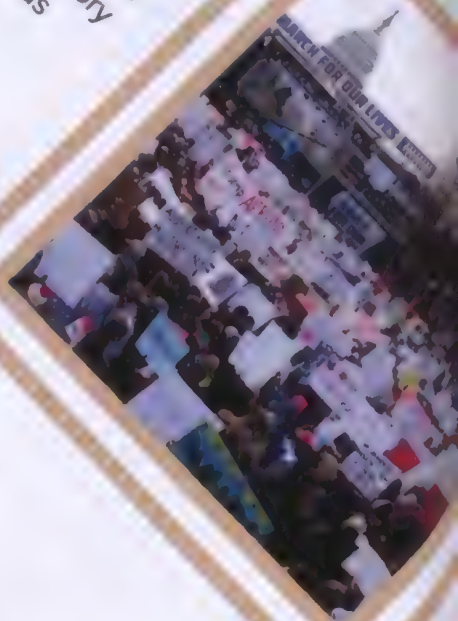


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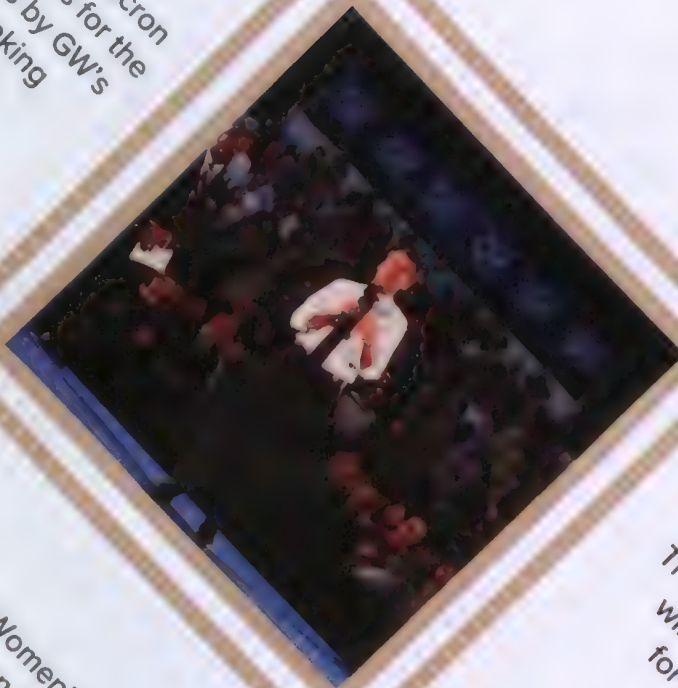
2018

The March for Our Lives movement gained national attention after the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting.



The GWU Cherry Tree Yearbook celebrated its 110th Anniversary.

President Emmanuel Macron visits the United States for the first time and stops by GW's campus for speaking engagements.



The USA Women's Hockey Team won Olympic Gold for the first time in 10 years.

The Washington Capitals win the Stanley Cup for the first time in Capitals history.



The royal wedding between American, Meghan Markle, and Prince Harry took place.



50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act.



Justice Brett Kavanaugh was confirmed to the Supreme Court after a contentious Senate confirmation hearing.



Mark Zuckerberg testified before a hearing regarding Facebook's involvement in the 2016 presidential election.



Kim Jong Un became the first North Korean leader to cross into South Korea for a historic summit with the President of South Korea.



2019

The historic 116th United States Congress was seated with a record 131 women.



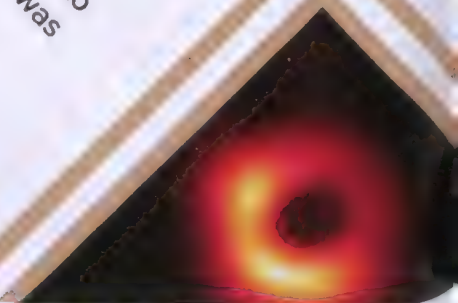
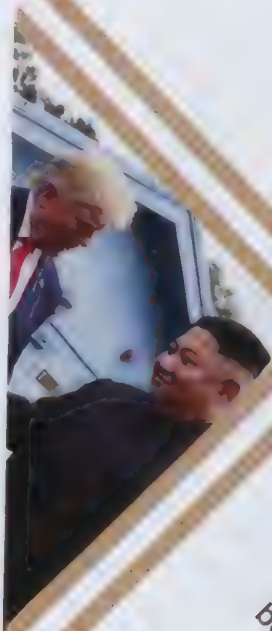
The longest government shutdown in US history ended.

The Notre Dame Cathedral burned.



The first ever photo of a black hole was released.

President Trump becomes the first US President to visit North Korea.



Fires began rampaging
in the Amazon
Rainforest.



The US House
Impeaches President
Donald Trump.



Greta Thunberg delivers
a passionate
speech at the UN,
telling world leaders
"How dare you!"



US Women's National
Soccer Team
won its 4th
World Cup.

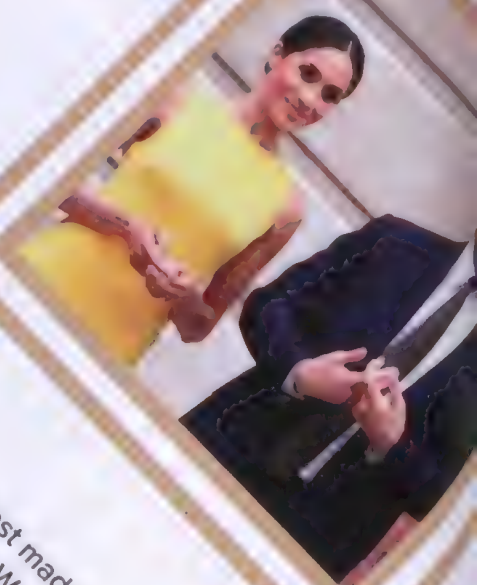


American astronauts Christina
Koch and Jessica Meir made
history on October 18th when
they embarked on the
first all-female
spacewalk.



2020

Prince Harry and Meghan Markle step down from their duties as senior royals in Buckingham Palace.



Kanye West made a surprise visit to GW. West presented "Jesus is King: A Kanye West Experience," an exclusive preview of the rapper's upcoming album.

The Coronavirus pandemic strikes the world, shutting down schools and forcing students to attend virtual classes from home.



A third state of emergency was called in New South Wales, Australia, as bushfires threatened the south coast of the country.

Kobe and Gigi Bryant, along with seven other passengers, died in a helicopter crash in Calabasas, California.



President Joe Biden was elected as the 46th President of the United States.



The United Kingdom withdraws from the European Union.



The #BlackLivesMatter movement erupts throughout the country after George Floyd was killed by a police officer, protests were reported in every state in the US and even seen world wide.



COVID-19
coronavirus
vaccine



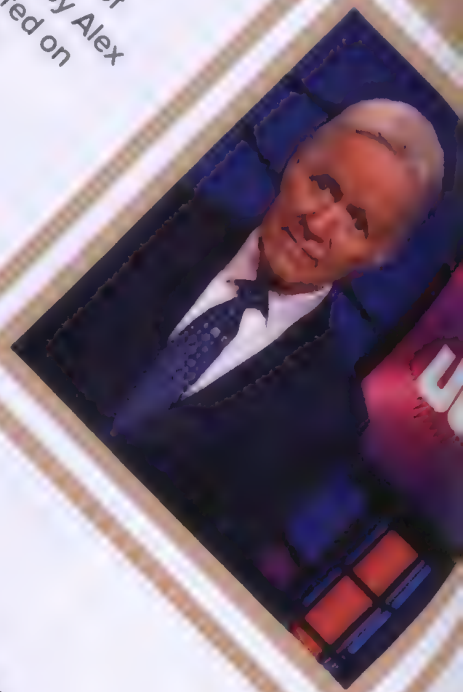
First COVID-19 vaccines became available in December.

Trump is acquitted by the Senate on both articles of impeachment.



2021

The final episode of Jeopardy! hosted by Alex Trebek was aired on January 8th.



Jeff Bezos announced he is stepping down as Amazon CEO.

President Joe Biden was inaugurated on January 20th and Vice President Kamala Harris made history as the first female, Black, and South-Asian VP.



Large cargo ship Ever Given got stuck in the Suez Canal.



The US Capitol was stormed on January 6th.



Derek Chauvin was found guilty for the murder of George Floyd.



Texas experienced devastating and unusual winter storms that resulted in power outages across the state and record low temperatures.



GW celebrates its Bicentennial Anniversary of when the US Congress established the school's charter on February 9, 1821.



Over 100 million people in the US are fully vaccinated.

GW Men's Swimming and Diving team won the A10 Championships for the fourth time in five years.



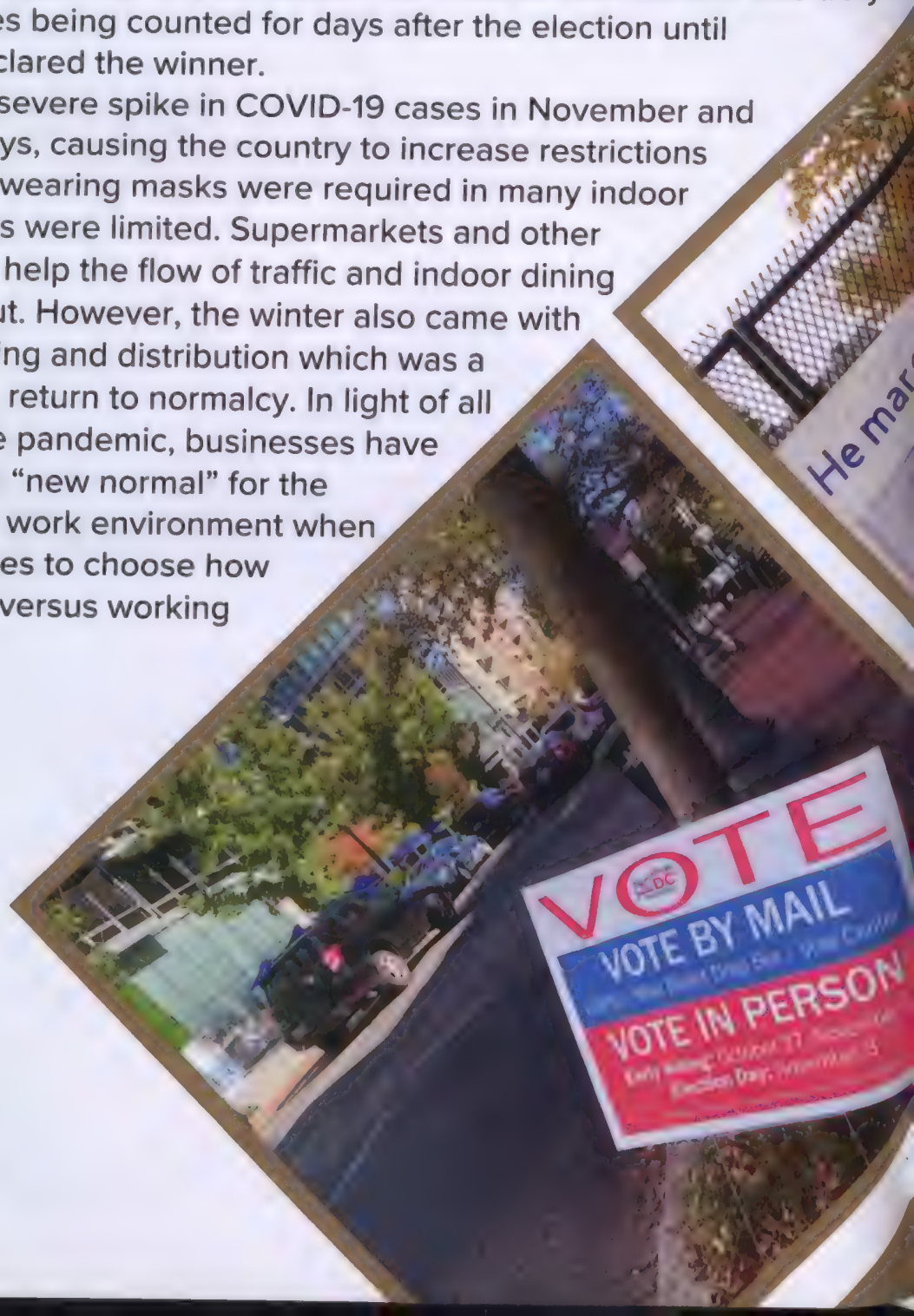
COVID-19 Vaccination
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3rd Dose	COVID-19			
4th Dose	COVID-19			

2020-2021 year in review

The past two years have truly been some of the most challenging and transformative years, with a global pandemic, racial injustice, a presidential election, and many personal challenges for people all over the world. The academic year started with a passionate Presidential Election in which GW students took to the polls and phone-banked to represent their state and national candidates. The nation's capital boarded up businesses to prepare for any protests. The Presidential Election was truly a race to the finish, with votes being counted for days after the election until President Joe Biden was declared the winner.

The year continued with a severe spike in COVID-19 cases in November and throughout the winter holidays, causing the country to increase restrictions again. Social distancing and wearing masks were required in many indoor areas and outdoor gatherings were limited. Supermarkets and other stores had one way aisles to help the flow of traffic and indoor dining was less popular than takeout. However, the winter also came with the first signs of vaccine testing and distribution which was a monumental step toward the return to normalcy. In light of all the changes made during the pandemic, businesses have worked to create plans and a "new normal" for the future. This includes a hybrid work environment when applicable, allowing employees to choose how often to work from the office versus working from home.





The GW student community has adapted to social distancing rules, online learning, virtual interviewing, and so much more. But as people who want to impact society, they did things like participate in the elections and march on the streets in support of the racial movements seen throughout the country. The academic year began from all over the world, with the majority of students studying from their homes or DC apartments and classes continued to be virtual throughout the year.



JOE BIDEN

Democratic candidate
Former Vice President
Battle for the Soul of the Nation

*After it's too close to
call Election Night, a
divided nation waits*

RACE TO

***"I pledge
to be a
President
who seeks
not to divide,
but to unify.
Who doesn't
see Red and
Blue states,
but a United
States."***

—Joe Biden

In an unprecedented year, it was an unprecedented election. There was record voter turnout, with more than 101 million early votes and 158-plus million total votes. Absentee and mail-in ballots skyrocketed, mostly from voters staying home because of the pandemic. With several states unable to tally votes before Election Day, the race was too close to call Nov. 3.

Over the next several days, anxious citizens were glued to television, watching footage of election workers counting ballots and seeing the voting numbers and electoral map update. By Saturday, Nov. 7, Pennsylvania finished counting, with Joe Biden 81,000+ votes ahead of Donald Trump. The 20 electoral votes pushed the former Vice President over the 270 threshold to win the White House. Pennsylvania was one of five key states that flipped blue from the 2016 election.

306 electoral votes
Biden wins

"I am honored and humbled by the trust the American people have placed in me..." Biden said in a statement shortly after the projection. "It's time for America to unite. And to heal."

As the Associated Press and networks projected Biden as the winner, Trump continued allegations of voter fraud and refused to concede.

"The simple fact is this election is far from over," Trump said in a statement Nov. 7. "Joe Biden has not been certified as the winner of any states, let alone any of the highly contested states headed for mandatory recounts, or states where our campaign has valid and legitimate legal challenges that could determine the ultimate victor."

Trump's campaign filed multiple lawsuits in battleground states; they ultimately dropped several

158+ million
votes cast



DONALD TRUMP

Republican incumbent

45th President

Make America Great Again

THE FINISH

cases and judges dismissed or ruled against the plaintiffs in the majority of other legal disputes.

Local, state and federal election officials from both political parties stated there was no widespread fraud or voting irregularities. The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, which led federal election protection efforts, released a statement noting, "The November 3rd election was the most secure in American history."

A partial recount in Wisconsin and a hand and machine recount in Georgia reaffirmed Biden's wins in both states. In total, Biden won 306 electoral votes, the same number Trump won in 2016. Biden won the popular vote by more than seven million votes. All states and the District of Columbia certified election results by December and the 538 electors casted their votes, Dec. 14. Biden was sworn in as the 46th President, Jan. 20.



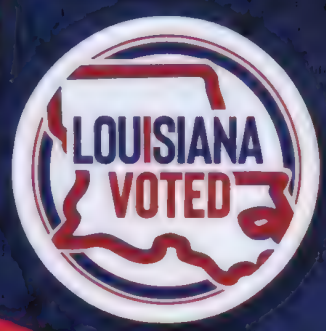
Illustration by Oscar Mascorro/Balfour

5 states flipped blue from 2016 election



STICK TO IT

I voted stickers from
across the country



2020

COVID-19 TIMELINE

March 23

With almost every country reporting cases, the World Health Organization reports more than 300,000 cases globally. When an emergency stimulus package is rejected by the US Senate, stocks plunge and the Federal Reserve's efforts to inject cash into the national economy fail to stave off market declines.

March 11

When Utah Jazz center Rudy Gobert tests positive for COVID-19, the NBA suspends all basketball games.



January 21

The United States confirms its first coronavirus case — a man in Washington state who recently returned from a trip to the Wuhan area.



“
It's Called
COVID-19
”



January 9

The death of a 61-year old man in Wuhan, China is the first known fatality from an illness caused by the novel coronavirus.

January 7

Officials in China identify a novel coronavirus to be the cause of dozens of cases of pneumonia in Wuhan in December 2019.

February 11

The virus is given a name — COVID-19. The disease caused by the coronavirus is announced by World Health Organization Director-General Tedros Adhanom.



March 13

Across the U.S., schools begin the process of ending the academic year early amid concerns about the spread of coronavirus.



January 31

Foreign nationals who had traveled to China within the last 14 days are banned from entering the United States.



March 16

Americans are advised to limit gatherings to no more than 10 people, to avoid dining in at restaurants and to refrain from traveling unless absolutely necessary. Household necessities like toilet paper, bread, trash bags, cleaning supplies and hand soap become extremely hard to find in stores and online.

March 27

As coronavirus cases in the U.S. surpass 100,000, the most in the world, President Trump signs the \$2.2 trillion coronavirus aid package bill. More than 1,500 deaths are also reported nationwide.

April 20

Global demand drops and oil prices bottom out reaching negative numbers. A \$500 billion coronavirus bill is passed by the Senate and includes money for the small business loan program, hospitals and testing.

May 14

Schools, churches, businesses, restaurants and other organizations are given guidelines for safely re-opening from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

December 2

While the U.S. counts its 14 millionth COVID-19 case, the United Kingdom becomes the first country to officially approve the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine.

December 8

The first person in the world to receive a dose of a clinically-approved COVID-19 vaccine is 90-year old Margaret Keenan of Britain.

May 10

The global death toll is nearly 280,000 and Johns Hopkins University reports that coronavirus cases pass the four million mark. In the U.S. more than 80,000 deaths are reported. New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, Michigan and California are among the states hit hardest by the pandemic.

March 31

As a result of the pandemic, Wall Street closes one of the worst quarters in stock market history which is seen as an indication of the toll the pandemic is taking on the national economy.

March 30

The Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games are rescheduled for July 2021.

April 3

With the death toll in the US exceeding 7,000 and the number of confirmed cases surpassing 275,500, leading health officials recommend the wearing of cloth face coverings to prevent the spread of the virus.

November 18

Drug company Pfizer announces they're just days away from submitting a COVID-19 vaccine to the FDA for approval. This comes days after Moderna announces its vaccine, saying it's 94.5 percent effective.

October 29

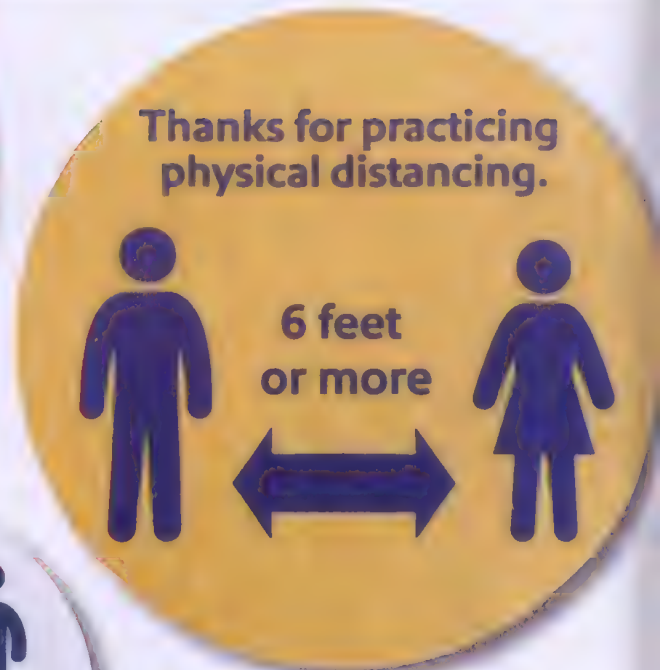
More than nine million cases are confirmed in the U.S., contributing to a global total of more than 40 million.

December 11

Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine is authorized by the FDA for emergency use.

December 14

Widespread rollout of the vaccine begins in the U.S., with healthcare workers and residents of long-term care facilities among the first recipients. The country's COVID-19-related death toll exceeds 300,000.



Follow the signs

Safety reminders pop up everywhere during the pandemic



Nothing's the Seven ways life changed with the pandemic **SAME**

1

MASKS BECOME A NECESSARY PART OF LIFE

What was once thought a temporary routine became a daily habit. As COVID-19 cases spread across the country last spring, health officials encouraged social distancing, hand washing and mask wearing. By November, 35 states had mask mandates and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended all people age 2 or older wear a mask in public or around people not in their household. Face coverings became the latest accessory with clothing brands, retail stores and online sites selling multiple types and designs.



2

ONLINE GROCERY ORDERING BOOMS

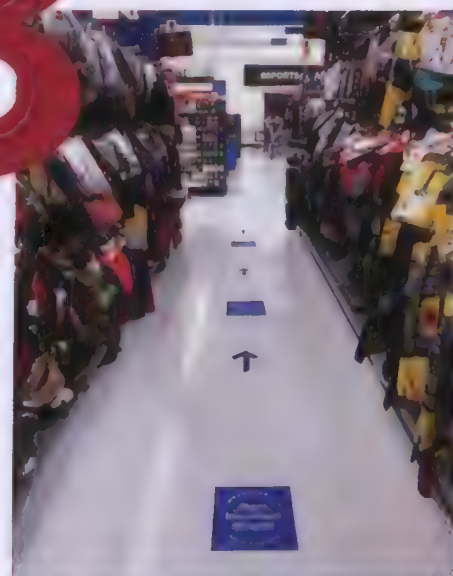
With families urged to stay home, the digital grocery market skyrocketed. Online sales soared more than 300 percent in the early months of the coronavirus pandemic, according to The Food Industry Association's 2020 report. Statista.com found grocery delivery and pickup surged from \$1.2 billion in August 2019 to \$7.2 billion in June 2020.



3

AISLES SWITCH TO ONE WAY

To alleviate crowding, grocery retailers and superstores changed aisles to one-way traffic. Arrows on the floor indicated the path with each row reversing to the opposite direction. Although not always followed, the attempt was to keep shoppers six feet or more apart.





4

RESTAURANTS STRUGGLE

Lockdowns and coronavirus concerns dramatically limited restaurant traffic, hurting local eateries and national chains. As restrictions eased, restaurants reopened dining rooms, slowly increasing capacity while keeping social distancing measures in place. But business remained slow with many places letting go workers and closing doors.



5

DRIVE-THRUS, TAKE OUT AND FOOD DELIVERY SAVE THE DAY

While indoor dining numbers plunged, one area of the food industry stayed strong. Tired of constant home cooking, families took advantage of delivery services like Grubhub and Door Dash. Restaurants offered family packs and take-out specials for those willing to venture out. Pizza deliveries thrived while drive-thrus became a lifeline for fast food joints and restaurants.



6

SAFETY MEASURES PUT IN PLACE

Businesses enacted social distancing measures to keep employees and patrons safe. Banks and grocery stores installed transparent acrylic shields while distancing notices graced floors, noting six feet of separation. Hotels, restaurants, airlines and other companies stepped up cleaning practices to ensure areas were sanitized. Most businesses required masks for entry.



LIFE GOES VIRTUAL

As Americans were encouraged to stay home, offices and schools switched to work-from-home formats. Digital meetings became the norm as everyone worked in a virtual environment.

200 Years of GW

On February 9, 1821, the original charter for the Columbian College was signed by President James Monroe.

In 1852, a new department was created that offered studies in English, mathematics, science, and engineering.



"We Cannot Tell A Lie"
The Hatchet
Established February—1918
A DAILY NEWSPAPER
HOW WARD GOT NO
WITH THE PRESIDENT

Published on the United States the Hatchet
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The school newspaper, now known as The Hatchet, began in 1902.

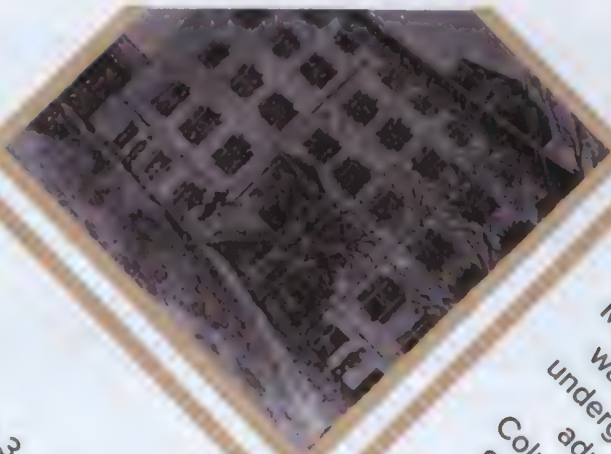
The university was officially renamed to The George Washington University on January 23, 1904.



In 1966, the School of Government, Business, and International Affairs was split into the School of Public and International Affairs and the School of Government and Business Administration.

The first on-campus sports arena, the Charles E. Smith Center was finished in 1975.

On March 3, 1873, the name changed to be The Columbian University.



Mabel Nelson Thurston was the first woman undergraduate student admitted to the Columbian College on September 24, 1888.



The colors, originally orange and blue, were changed to blue and buff in 1905.



The George Washington University Cherry Tree Yearbook was established in 1908.



President Reagan, after his attempted assassination, came to the GW Hospital for his surgery.

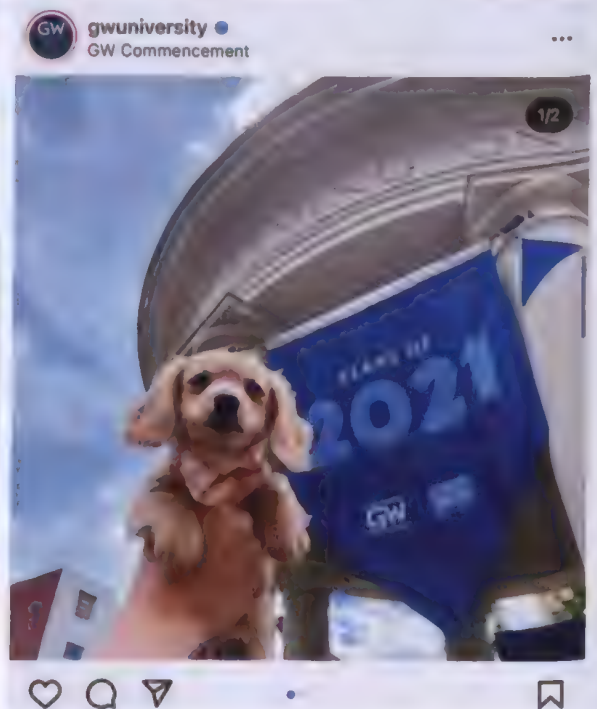


Mount Vernon College became a part of GW starting in 1999.

COMMENCEMENT

twenty-twenty one

GWU's instagram shared a post from Dagoberto Acevedo, a first-generation student and immigrant graduating with his Master's of Public Administration.





CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2021!

2021 

CONGRATULATIONS
to the
CLASS OF 2021

The Class of 2021 has worked tirelessly over the last few years, waiting for the day that it all pays off and they finally get to graduate on the National Mall. Unfortunately, like last year, commencement took place virtually. These celebrations occurred from May 13th to May 16th. Every college held their own virtual ceremonies to honor the graduates, while the university-wide commencement was held on Sunday, May 16th. Pictures and messages of congratulations were posted all over the GW social media platforms.

Despite not having an in-person graduation, GW students took to the National Mall to take pictures in front of the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument. In addition, the university created special photo spaces around campus for graduates to take pictures.

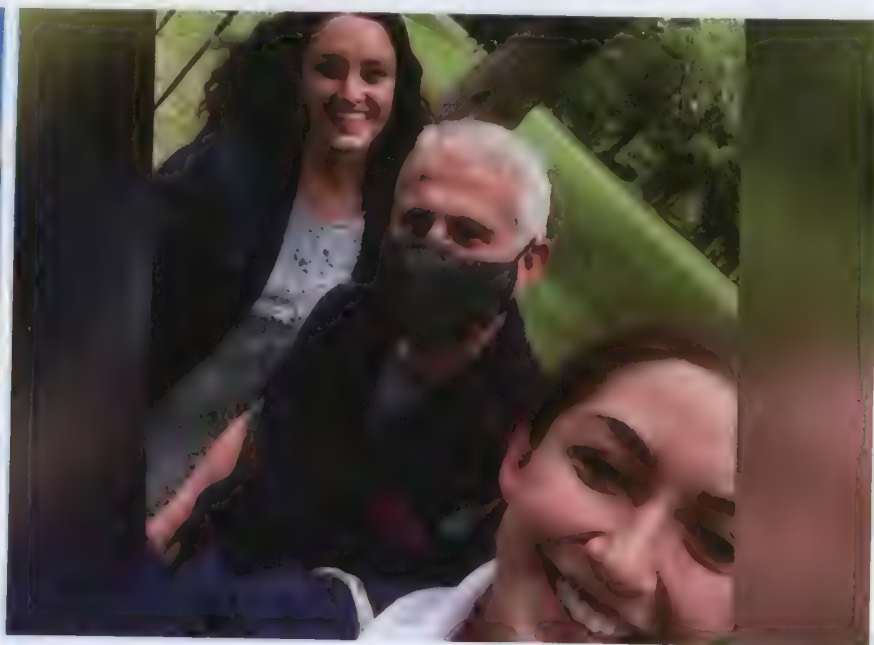
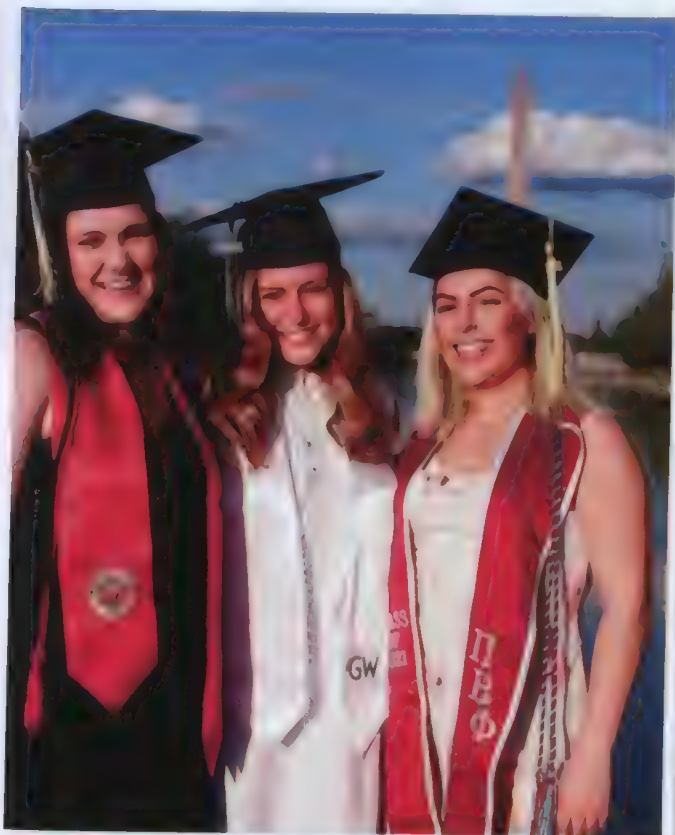


COMMENCEMENT

twenty-twenty one

"Honorary DOGtoral degrees for the furry friends that supported our graduates through it all."
- @gwuniversity Instagram





Every year, GW hosts prominent speakers for the individual colleges' and the university-wide commencements. This year, Lonnie G. Bunch III was the university-wide commencement speaker. He is the first African American and first historian to lead the Smithsonian Institution as the Smithsonian Secretary. Mr. Bunch encouraged the Class of 2021 to use their education and skills for the good of others, and he advised students to be open to where their life takes them, saying "Trust me when I tell you that your lives will unfold in ways you can't conceive of."

Speakers for the individual college commencements included Nate Morris, Founder and CEO of Rubicon; Ambassador Bonnie Jenkins, Founder and Executive Director of Women of Color Advancing Peace and Society; Dr. Christine Mann Darden, retired NASA director and aerospace engineer; and Marsha Reeves, Executive Director of KIPP Baltimore.



COMMENCEMENT

twenty-twenty one

GW posted a picture on their Instagram featuring a graduate going to GW Deli, a favorite for many students, before commencement.





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GW announced in early June that there will be an in-person commencement on the National Mall for graduates of the classes of 2020 and 2021. This ceremony will celebrate the classes' achievements on October 2, 2021 at 11 am. With the virtual graduations that occurred this year and last, this celebration will be an exciting and special moment for graduates who were not able to walk across the stage on the National Mall for their graduations.

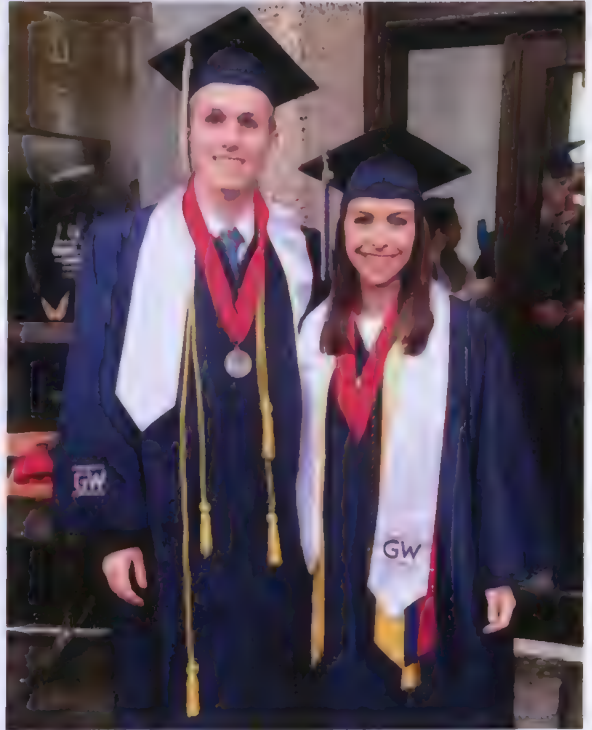
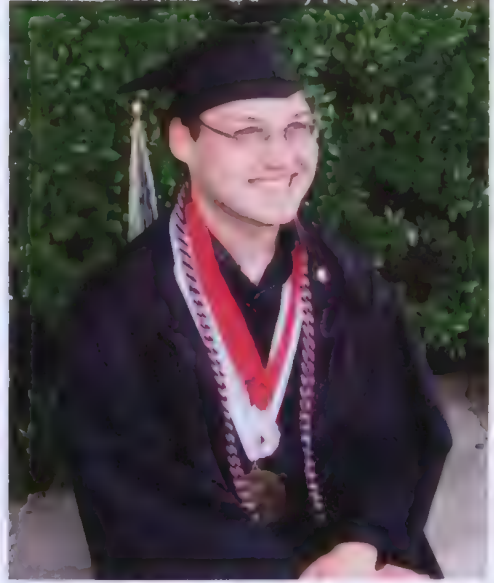
Along with an in-person ceremony, there will be additional events that take place over the weekend to celebrate these GW graduates and the university's bicentennial. The graduates will be allowed a few guests or family members for this special day.



COMMENCEMENT

then & now

In previous years, The George Washington University has celebrated commencement on the National Mall, in front of the Washington Monument.





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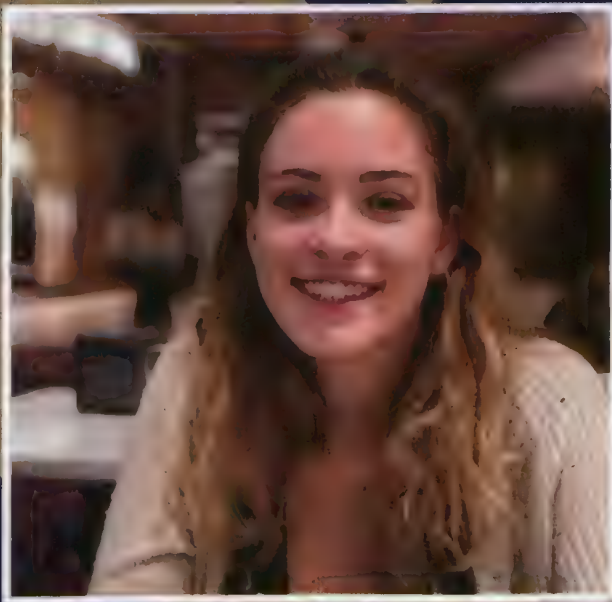
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